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Art in the Park

The 35th Annual Summer Festival
August 10 & 11, 1996
10 am - 5 pm

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Wednesday's Results

Rutland City Softball
Monday's Late Scores
Men's A: Keith's 11, Jilly's 8. Parkers Auto God-nicks 5.
Men's B: Uncle Sams 19, The Nailers 16

Tuesday's Scores
Women's A: MacLeods 5, Minter Bros. 4
Women's B: Green Min. Paddlers 10, Hogge Penny 2
Women's C: CVPS Fabian's 5, Cripple Creek 1
Men's A: K.C.'s Tavern vs. Phil's Discount, late game
Men's B: Mr. C's vs. Jilly's, late game
Men's C: CVPS Rec Club 14, Tyler's Team 13
Men's D: V.A.C. 13, Abank 1
Men's D: Cripple Creek 11, Ranch Suggers 4

Thursday's Events

New York-Penn League Baseball
Vermont at Williamsport

Rutland City Softball
Women's A: Maggos vs. Tapas, JFC
Women's B: Ryan, Smith & Cripple Creek, NE
Men's A: Carey's Auto vs. Farrell's Bud Light, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's B: Center St. Saloon vs. 3-D's, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's C: Bargain Country vs. Club Rio, MF
Men's D: Buccaneers vs. Ranch Suggers, MS, 6:15 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland Junior League
Western Division Championship
Manchester 8, Poulinville 4. Winning pitcher: Andrew Zofulsky. Hitting stars: Doug Daley (3-for-4), Deric Mench (2-for-2), Johnny Calt (3-for-4). Defensive stars: team effort.

Eastern Division Championship
Mil River No. 2 5, Ludlow 3. Winning pitcher: Billy Austin. Hitting and defensive stars: team effort.

Junior League Finals: Manchester vs. Mil River No. 2, Sat. Aug. 10, 12:30 p.m., Northwood Park, Rutland Town.

Thursday's Results

Rutland City Softball
Wednesday's Late Scores
Men's A: Phil's Discount 11, K.C.'s Tavern 7
Men's B: Jilly's 14, Mr. C's 7

Thursday's Scores
Women's A: Tapas 12, Maggos 0
Women's B: Ryan, Smith & Cripple Creek, late game
Men's A: Farrell's Bud Light 17, Carey's Auto 0
Men's B: Center St. Saloon vs. 3-D's, late game
Men's C: Bargain Country 22, Club Rio 6
Men's D: Buccaneers 15, Ranch Suggers 1

Friday's Events

New York-Penn League Baseball
Vermont at St. Catharines

Legion Baseball
State Championship Series
at Middlebury College
Hardford vs. Rutland, 4 p.m.

Rutland City Softball
Women's A: Bud Light vs. C.J.'s, JFC
Women's B: WJLR vs. CVPS Fabian's, NE
Men's B: Reds vs. GE Yellow Jackets, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's B: Uncle Sams vs. Mountain Thread 'N' Shred, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Men's C: C.J.'s No. 1 vs. Phil's N. Sons, MF
Men's C: Renegades vs. C.J.'s No. 2, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's C: Two Sheas vs. Club Rio, MN, 6:15 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Senior League
East Division Championship
Ludlow 6, VFW 3. Winning pitcher: Jason Marino. Star: Luke Ladden. Hitting stars: John Presser, Steve Fuller. Defense: Team effort.

West Division Championship
Local 1201, 9, Rutland Town 5. Winning pitcher: Dave Jeski. Hitting stars: Jeski, Matt Waterman, Matt Woods, Dave Seely, Josh Sharon.

Today 8/10

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market
Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Middlebury, Food, flowers, vegetables and more, by the falls, Marbleworks Shopping District, 9 a.m.-noon.; Londonderry, West River farmers market, Routes 11 and 100, in the park, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Coaches Needed

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is looking for adults interested in coaching youth flag football and youth soccer programs for the fall 1996 season. Anyone interested in getting involved with kids and sports is invited to join. Contact **E. Jay Bishop** at the recreation office at 773-1822 for more information.

Noon Concert

Rutland, Woodchuck's Revenge performs in Center Street Alley, noon-1 p.m.

Folk Alley Thursday

Rutland, David Buskin and Susan Werner perform folk music, Center Street Alley, free, 7-9 p.m.

THINGS TO DO

Art In The Park 8/10
Rutland, Chaffee Center holds its annual "Art In The Park" summer festival, crafts, food, music, demonstrations, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 775-0356.

Noon Concert

Rutland, James Moss performs in Center Street Alley, noon-1 p.m.

Today 8/13

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market
Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Main Street Concert

Rutland, The Dennis, from Austin, Texas play a blend of jazz, folk and country, 7 p.m., Main Street Park, rain site, Grace Congregational Church.
Creative Memories

Thursday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Late Wednesday Games
Men's B: Reds 13, Underhill's 12
Men's B: Reds 13, 3D's 1

Thursday Results
Women's B: Hogge Penny 20, Jilly's 0
Men's A: Keith's 11, Jilly's 24, Johnson Energy/Sabby's 3
Men's C: Tyler's Team 13, C.J.'s No. 2 1
End of Regular Season
Playoffs to Begin Monday, Aug. 19

Coaches Needed

Anyone interested in coaching youth soccer should attend a meeting at the Rutland Recreation Department on East Center St. on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m., or contact the recreation department at 773-1822.

'Art in the Park' On Aug. 10 and 11

One hundred fifteen juried fine artists, craftspeople and specialty food producers will be represented at the Chaffee Center's 35th Annual Art in the Park Summer Festival Aug. 10 and 11 in Rutland's Main Street Park.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is by donation, and all who donate will be eligible for prize drawings each day.

All types of handicrafts and fine art will be on exhibit and available for purchase at the festival.

The visual arts are represented by a selection of oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, sculpture and photographs.

A full array of crafts will be featured from baskets, handpainted silk scarves, tie-dyed clothing, pottery and stained glass to wooden toys and furniture, birdhouses, puppets, decorative lampshades, dried floral pieces, children's clothing, jewelry and much more.

Demonstrations of works in progress will be held throughout the weekend and feature woodcarving demonstrations by wildlife artist Horst Gebauer and wildlife painting by artists Lyn St. Clair and Rob Mullen.

Specialty food producers will tempt your taste buds with samples of fudge, candies, herbal dips and vinegars, and other treats.

Rounding out the festivities are musical performances each day, featuring swing and bluegrass artists Lisa Brande and Kevin Parry.

"Art for Kids," special art and craft events for children, will be held throughout the weekend. Children will be able to create a variety of arts and crafts, including tie-dyeing, leaf prints and origami.

Midget Stars 8-10

The Rutland City Midget League has concluded its first Rutland City Midget League All-Star Tournament, a four-team tournament comprised of various players in the league.

Players selected for Team 1 from the IAFF and Eagles were Nate Graham, Craig Babragallo, Brent Lawrence, Bill Lezzer, Jon Bruno, Ricky Clayton, George Ceasraki, Brett Porter, Ira White, Ross Campbell, Phil Charles and Mike Delahanty.

Team 2 of players from the K of C, Kiwanis and Rotary South was comprised of Jesse Lawrence, Ryan Lawrence, Kyle Bedard, Rick Manning, Greg McLaughlin, Tommy Coppack, Zack Colgan, Ricky Fredette, Aaron Choiniere, Ryan Daley, John Loso and Chris Wells.

Team 3 was made up of the following players from Rutland Fuel, Elks and First Vermont Bank: Matt Sarault, Darby Simmonds, Gerry Barber, Chris Colton, Nicole Adams, Colin Temple, Jordon Fitzgerald, Brian Kusel, Mike Seager, Jeff Hill, Scott Hannigan and Ted Siemucha.

Team 4 was drawn from Suburban Propane, Edson Raiders and Moose and included Ryan Sharp, Luke Cole, Mike Pratt, Frankie Sanborn, Glen Barnes, Ken LaBate, Josh Hubbard, Vincent Doaner, Danny West, Mike Stankowski, Corey Czarneski and Matt Schaefer.

Team 1 won the championship game over Team 2, 13-0, with George Cesarski logging the victory.

Next year plans call for moving this tournament up to the July 4 week so that the league can enter its customary two teams in the Proctor Tournament.

Winter in August Event on Aug. 13

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce will host their 15th Annual Winter in August Celebration Tuesday, Aug. 13.

This annual event, held to recognize the economic contribution of the ski industry, will be held in the Center Street Alley from 5 to 8 p.m.

Many of the area's restaurants will be donating fine food for the event, which is attended by more than 600 Chamber members and their guests annually.

Killington and Okemo ski areas will set up displays promoting their resorts, DJ Rob Roy will provide some background music and door prizes will be given away.

The event is open to Chamber members and their guests for \$7 per person, payable at the Center Street or Washington Street entrances of the alley on the day of the event. For more information call the Chamber office at 773-2747.

New Youth Center Seeks Volunteers

The newly formed Youth Service Center for Rutland area young adults is in the process of setting up at Southeast School in Rutland. The grand opening for the center will be early September.

In order to make the center inviting and fun, there is a great need for volunteers interested in working with youths 13 to 18 years old.

If you or if you know of any person or organization who would like to make a difference in the lives of local youth, we want to hear from you. Contact director Wes Fahringer at 773-1822 to schedule time to talk about the various volunteer opportunities available at the center and fill out an application.

Winter in August

Rutland, Chamber of Commerce hold celebration to recognize contribution of ski industry, food, displays, music, Center Street Alley, 5-8 p.m., members and their guests, \$7, 773-2747.

Senior Citizens 8-12

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will hold a regular meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 13, preceded by a pre-reserved dinner at 5 p.m. Social time will follow.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market
Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Jilly's 21, C's 8
Women's B: CVPS/Fabian's 14, Cripple Creek 13
Men's A: Dent Mart 25, Parker's Auto/Goodrich's 2
Men's B: Lindholm's vs. Reids, MS, Late
Men's B: G.E. Yellow Jackets 18, Center St. 12
Men's B: G.E. Yellow Jackets 16, Mr. C's 0
Men's C: CVPS Rec Club 25, Club Rio 2
Men's C: C's No. 2, 7, CVPS Rec Club 3
Men's D: Magos 12, VAC 6

Thursday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Magos vs. MacLeod's, Rot
Women's B: Haggis Penny vs. Jilly's, JFC
Men's A: Keith's W/Jilly's vs. Johnson Energy
Subby's, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Men's B: 3D's vs. Jilly's, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's C: Tyler's Team vs. C's No. 2, MN
Men's D: Cripple Creek vs. Albans, MF
End of Regular Season
Playoffs to Begin Monday, Aug. 19

Monday's Events 8-12

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Jilly's vs. BPP/The m. IE
Women's B: Bud Line vs. Minter Brothers, Rot
Women's B: WJR vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Men's A: KC's vs. Carey's Auto, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's B: Mr. C's vs. The Natives, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's C: C's No. 1 vs. Bargain Country, MN
Men's C: Fields vs. Tyler's Team, Gio
Men's D: Pizza Delight vs. Ranch Sloggers, MF

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market
Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Blue Grass and Folk Rock
Rutland, The Stockwell Brothers perform in Main Street Park, 7 p.m.



Photo by A.J. Marro

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Rutland Town and Elaine Munukka of Sherburne play with a ka-bond Glass of Chittenden.

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Christmas. Proven troupers, they are among the vendors who not only gather for parties after the shows close, but even save on expenses by booking rooms together.

Which is not to say that the Gov-

otskis and other exhibitors are stingy. "If we have a really good day," said Kathleen, "we try to pour money back into the community, especially leaving large tips for the waitresses."



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinskus

The Rutland County Farmers Market operated at its temporary home on Wales Street on Tuesday, but after only two appearances there the dislocated market is moving to a parking lot between West and Center Streets on Saturday.

Sports Scan 8/26

Flag Football

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department will hold a meeting Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center in Rutland for those interested in coaching Youth Flag Football this fall. Please contact the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department at 773-1822 with questions.

Tuesday's Games

Rutland City Softball
Men's B Championship
G.E. Yellow Jackets 13, Uncle Sam's 11
Men's C: Renegades 7 vs. C/2 2-0
Men's C: Tyler's Team 11, Bargain Country 9
Men's D: Cripple Creek vs. American Legion, MS. suspended

Field Hockey
Springfield 3, Fair Haven 0
Otter Valley 0, Windsor 0
Girls Soccer
Poultney 2, Mill River 1
Champlain Valley 3, Mt. Anthony 0

New York-Penn League
Vermont 1, Oneonta 3

Wednesday's Games

Field Hockey
Bellows Falls at Woodstock
Girls Soccer
Leland & Gray at Black River, 4 p.m.
Rutland City Softball
Men's C Championship
Renegades vs. Tyler's Team, MS 6:15 p.m.
Men's D: Cripple Creek vs. American Legion, MS 7:45 p.m.

Jazz/Choreography Offered to Teens 9-18

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Jazz/Choreography program for teens will start Sept. 25 and will run Wednesdays from 5 to 5:45 p.m. until Nov. 13.

This is a jazz dance class focused on "Jazz Techniques" and "How to Choreograph." The class will be taught by Paula Gregory.

Sign up for the program at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Rutland Square Dance Club

Rutland. Lessons starting, rounds, 7 p.m.; squares, 7:30 p.m., Godnick Center, Deer Street, 773-9502. 9-16

Today 8/28

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market
Rutland. Food, flowers, crafts and more, parking lot between West and Center streets. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Senior Council

The Rutland Senior Council of Senior Citizens will meet Tuesday, Aug. 27, after a bag lunch at 5 p.m. at the senior center. Entertainment will precede the social. 8-26

Duplicate Bridge 9-18

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignoe, 773-8656, new players welcome.



Staff Photos by David Jenne

Winter in August

Several hundred people turned out on a perfect summer's evening for the annual Winter in August mixer in the Center Street Alley. Sponsored by the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, the event is held to honor the contribution of the ski industry to the local economy.

At right, Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg greets Leslie B. Otten (right), owner of the American Skiing Company. Otten's company recently completed the purchase of the Killington Ski Area and several other S-K-I Ltd., resorts.



Rutland Adult Softball
Playoffs
Women's A: McLeod's 13, Wayne's Auto Body 9
Women's B: WJRF 7, Hogge Penny 0 (Infinite)
Men's A: Dart Mart 14, Johnson Energy/Sabby's 7
Men's B: Phil's Discount 23, K of C 17

Today

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market

Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Blue Grass and Folk Rock

Rutland, The Stockwell Brothers perform in Main Street Park, 7 p.m.

Tuesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Monday's Late Games
Men's B: The Natives 13, M.C.S. 3
Tuesday
Women's A: Wayne's 12, Two She's 3
Women's B: Colup's 15, Green Mtn. Peddlers 2
Women's C: Tapa's 16, Mintzer Brothers 10
Men's A: Phil's Discount 20, Farnell's Bud Lite 18
Men's B: Parker's Auto/Godnick's 15, Johnson Energy/Sabby's 8
Men's C: Center St. vs. G.E. Yellow Jackets, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's D: Phil's & Son 14, Renegades 12
Men's C: CVPS Rec Club vs. CVPS No. 2, MS, 9:15
Men's D: American Legion 20, Buccaneers 2

Wednesday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Jilly's vs. C.J.'s, Rot
Women's B: Cripple Creek vs. CVPS/Fabon's, JFC
Men's A: Dart Mart vs. Parker's Auto/Godnick's, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Men's B: Lindholm's vs. Reds, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's B: Mr. C's vs. G.E. Yellow Jackets, Gio
Men's C: CVPS Rec Club vs. Club Rio, MN
Men's D: VAC vs. Maggots, MF

Monday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Jilly's 10, BRP/The Inn 2
Women's B: Bud Lite 21, Mintzer Brothers 2
Women's C: WJRF, Ryan, Smith & Caroline 5
Men's A: Carey's Auto 10, KC's 8
Men's C: Bargan Country 18, C.J.'s No. 114
Men's C: Fede's Tyler's Team 7
Men's D: Pizza Delight 13, Ranch Sluggers 7

Tuesday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Wayne's vs. Two She's, Rot
Women's B: Colup's vs. Green Mtn. Peddlers, JFC
Women's C: Mintzer Brothers vs. Tapa's NE
Men's A: Farnell's Bud Lite vs. Phil's Discount, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Men's A: Parker's Auto/Godnick's vs. Johnson Energy/Sabby's, Gio
Men's B: Center St. vs. G.E. Yellow Jackets, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's C: Renegades vs. Phil's & Son, MN
Men's C: CVPS Rec Club vs. CVPS No. 2, MS, 9:15
Men's D: Buccaneers vs. American Legion, MF

Senior Highlights

Highlights for Aug. 20-23 at Godnick Adult Center:

Tuesday: 8 a.m., tennis at White's; 9:15 a.m., line dancing; 1 p.m., bridge, poker and Country Crafters.

Wednesday: 8 a.m., bus leaves for Rockingham; 9:15 a.m., exercise; 9:30 a.m., shuffleboard; 1 p.m., pinocle and canasta.

Thursday: 9:15 a.m., folk dancing; 10 a.m., canasta; 1 p.m., poker; 1:15 p.m., bingo; 7 p.m., bridge club.

Friday: 10 a.m., piano; 11:15 a.m., Lunch Bunch to "Somewhere," 1 p.m., whist and bridge.

Meals are served Monday through Thursday at 11:45 a.m. The van is available for rides from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Call 773-1853.

Farmers Market Moves to Wales Street

By **FREDERICK BEVER**
Herald Staff

The downtown farmers market will move to new digs on Wales Street for the rest of the summer.

The street will be partially closed to traffic between Center Street and Washington Street on Tuesdays and Saturdays, starting this Saturday, with a traffic lane primarily to allow access to parking.

The move was necessitated by ongoing renovations to the downtown shopping plaza, where the joint market has operated most of the summer.

"The whole area is going to be torn up," said Frank Gorham, manager of the Rutland County Farmers Market, which shares the downtown venue with the Vermont Farmers Market on the same days.

The plaza's tarmac will be shorn and repaved as part of the final build-out of the plaza, which includes transforming the former Kmart building into a new home for a Wal-Mart store.

At the same time, the city is giving Depot Park — the market's home in prior years — a complete make-over.

Until that is complete, possibly as early as Labor Day, the market will operate on Wales Street.

The markets' members have long showed a concern about visibility and parking — two commodities that will not be in great supply at the Wales Street location. But Gorham said that given the circumstances, the temporary site was the best that could be had.

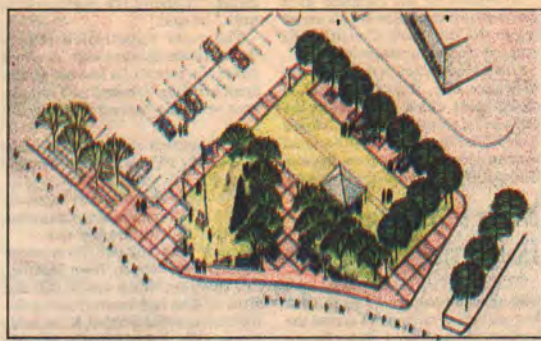
"I don't think the city had any chance to say 'No, please wait until the park is done,'" Gorham said. "I don't think it will be too bad there."

Pamela Green, manager of the Vermont Farmers Market, agreed with Gorham. "We feel the city has done the best they can by us," she said. "We really want to stay as close to the downtown as possible."

Gorham added that he had spoken with Wales Street business owners, and they had not objected to the plan.

Matthew Sternberg, director of the Rutland Redevelopment Authority, said the Act 250 permit process for the plaza, mostly owned by Net Realty Holding Trust,

(See Page 17: Market)



This rendition of what Depot Park will look like after its rebirth was prepared by city consultant Elizabeth Courtney.

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Art in the Park

The Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts extends a sincere thank you to the following sponsors and volunteers who helped to make the 35th Annual Art in the Park Summer Festival an outstanding success. We couldn't have done it without you!

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Lyn St. Clair

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had been slow. As a result, he said, scheduling for plaza renovations had been thrown off course.

"The situation Net is looking at is they are trying to make construction deadlines," Sternberg said. "We have gotten all the department heads to sign off on the special events permit (for Wales Street)."

When finished, the redesigned Depot Park will include a grassy

area and room for more than 50 vendors.

Gorham and Green said all the space will likely be needed — each market has brought in over 20 vendors on Saturdays.

"This has been our best year so far," Gorham said. "I've got several new vendors, and they are doing tremendous."

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignoe, 773-8656, new players welcome.

Women Are Best of the Best

For almost 15 summers, I have been an avid fan of women's softball and have spent some great times watching these incredibly talented women play. Most of the teams were wonderful sports-women and a pleasure to watch.

This past weekend I saw them win the New England Softball Championship and would like publicly to acknowledge how much pleasure all these women over the years have given this old gal, whose dad was a great coach and instilled in me the love of all sports.

Congratulations to you all. You are the best of the best.

MARJORIE (BORAH) SCOTT
Rutland

Friday's Result

NY/Penn Baseball
Vermont vs. St. Catherine 1

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's C: Bergen County 10, CVPS 9
Men's D: Buccaneers 8, Pizza Delight 1

Monday's Games

New York-Penn League
Openoria at Vermont
Rutland Adult Softball
Playoff Games
Women's A: Bud Light vs. Jilly's, Rotary, 6:15 p.m.
Men's C: Tyler's Team vs. Cub Rio, 6:15 p.m.
Men's C: CJ's Live Febs. JFC, 6:15 p.m.
Men's D: American Legion vs. VAC, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Men's B: GE Yellowjackets vs. Uncle Sam's, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's D: Magoo's vs. Buccaneers, MN, 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
See playoff pairings

Thursday's Events

NY/Penn Baseball
St. Catherine at Vermont
Rutland Adult Softball
See playoff pairings

Thursday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
See playoff pairings

Friday's Events

NY/Penn Baseball
St. Catherine at Vermont
Rutland Adult Softball
See playoff pairings

Farmers Market Is Again Moving

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

Due to technical difficulties — and a city snafu — the downtown farmers market will move once again on Saturday, this time to a parking lot between Center and West streets.

The game of musical markets began with a relocation last week from the downtown shopping plaza to Wales Street between Center and Washington streets.

That move was necessitated by ongoing renovations at the downtown plaza and at Depot Park, which eventually will become the market's permanent home.

Downtown officials quickly pulled together the Wales Street plan when it became clear that Net Realty Holding Trust — owner of most of the plaza — would have to work in the area where the market was located.

Rutland Partnership manager Richard Courcelle and Rutland Redevelopment Authority director Matthew Sternberg gained permission from city

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department heads, but failed to give Wales Street businesses adequate time to weigh in on the plan.

"It's the ongoing chess game," Courcelle said. "We got notices out but by the time they got them, it probably wasn't appropriate notification."

Wales Street merchants said that although they support the farmer's market, the location hurt business by taking up precious parking spaces and complicating truck deliveries.

"It was a lot of fun having them here," said Rebecca Jeran, manager of the Rutland Area Food Co-op. She added, however, that the coop's business was down by one-third last Tuesday, and truck deliveries were a nightmare to coordinate.

"The parking issue was a terrible problem," she said. "It's a shame they have to keep getting pushed around from place to place."

Market organizers seemed sanguine about the situation, however, and eager to try out their newest digs.

"It's going to be easier to get in to,

and we'll definitely have enough customer parking," said Frank Gorham, manager of the Rutland County Farmers Market, one of two organizations licensed to operate downtown.

The new site — suggested by Police Chief Robert Holmes — belongs to the American Heritage Family Credit Union, and is rented at \$700 a month by the city for parking.

The lot is rarely full, or even half-full. "Hopefully, we won't be taking away from merchants' parking there," Gorham said.

Courcelle said the new site should be ideal. "I wish we had thought of it earlier," he said.

The Board of Aldermen Monday night approved a special events permit for the market's location at the new site, located partway up the hill between Wales and Court streets.

The reconstruction of Depot Park is scheduled for completion within two weeks. That project was designed with the market's needs specifically in mind.

Rec Soccer

The Rutland Recreation & Parks Department is holding a special late registration for those wishing to participate in under 6, 8, 10, and 12 soccer on Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center on East Center Street.

For further information, call 773-1822.

Rec Volleyball

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's men's volleyball "A" draft will be on Sept. 11. Anyone wanting to play men's A volleyball must fill out a registration form at the Dana Recreation Center by Tuesday, Sept. 10.



Staff Photo by David Jensen

"The Leash" in Rutland's Depot Park must be moved. But it weighs 20 tons and will cost \$1,500 to move.

Hounded by Controversy Weighty Problem Dogs Downtown Project

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

A canine sculpture in downtown Rutland has become a bone of contention between city officials and a design firm.

Castleton artist Patrick Farrow's "The Leash" — a bronze casting of a dog tethered to a parking meter by an imaginary leash — has to be moved as part of the ongoing reconstruction of Depot Park.

Contractors and the city are growling about who should cough up the estimated \$1,500 for the job.

"It's not an extraordinary sum of money — the problem is it's a 15-ton dog," said Matthew Sternberg, director of the Rutland

Redevelopment Authority. "They started digging down, caught their breath, and dug some more until they were six feet down."

Local philanthropists in 1984 joined Farrow, then a city resident, to donate the sculpture to the city. The gift came with a string attached — a condition that the sculptor be consulted if there were any effort to move it.

But city officials said that Clough Harbor & Associates, the company hired to design the blueprints for Depot Park's \$100,000 renovation, did not contact Farrow. The firm's specifications for the job called for removing the dog from its base and placing it on a new

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Dog

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Sternberg added, however, that the park would not be completed for several more weeks. Some of the confusion over the sculpture resulted from a lack of communication between contractors, the city and Farrow. But the artist, a former city resident, said officials had stayed in touch since

an adventure." Farrow said that the dog — modeled on a whippet's body with the head of a golden retriever — would get a grooming when the dust settles. "I'm going to polish it up real good after it's all done," Farrow said. "It needs a good coat of wax, anyway."

Bus Trip Planned To Scenic Railway

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Center is sponsoring a bus trip to Conway Scenic Railway in North Conway, N.H., Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Registration begins Thursday, Sept. 5, for city residents and Friday, Sept. 6, for non-residents at 9 a.m. The fee of \$26 (non-residents add \$6) is payable at the time of registration. The price includes transportation and the train ride.

After the 55-minute train ride there will be outlet shopping with lunch on your own.

The Vermont Transit bus will leave the center at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 7:30 p.m. For information, call 773-1853.

Rutland City Softball
Men's C Championship
Knights 5, Tyer's Team 3
Team's Dr. Cripple Creek 17, American Legion 13

Rutland Historical Society Vietnam Veterans Plan Memorial in City Park

By LIZ ANDERSON
Herald Staff

Rutland City officials and area Vietnam veterans will meet this week to discuss the veterans' proposal to install a memorial in Main Street Park.

The veterans envision a roughly 500-square-foot, partially enclosed garden and terrace that will function as a tribute to area residents who served in the Vietnam War and be a place for reflection for all who visit.

They expect to detail their ideas in a meeting Thursday with city Recreation and Parks Superintendent Leif Dahlin. Board of Aldermen President David Sagi is also expected to attend, according to John Bergeron, president of the local chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America.

"Certainly I'm supportive of the

idea," said Dahlin, who said he planned to listen to the proposal and then "begin the research of how to go about doing it so we can put something in place that will be appropriate and visible."

"What I'll be doing is taking it from there and reporting to the Recreation Committee, which then will get it to the Board of Aldermen and the mayor and, of course, I'll just check on any restrictions, conditions, as to how we would proceed with this," Dahlin said.

Bergeron said several members of his group have met regularly throughout the summer to discuss ideas for the memorial, which is expected to include a three-ton marble carving begun a decade and a half ago by an area veteran who died before it was finished.

Early on, Bergeron said, the
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Memorial

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group's focus was on the piece of marble and what to do with it, a question that had them stumped.

"Then somebody said we should have a place to go, to meditate, to reflect, and right away this mental block we had just evaporated," he said.

Bergeron said he and group member Andrew Moschetto quickly came back with similar designs.

Since then, he said, members have been soliciting estimates from area vendors and artisans to determine how much such an idea would cost. Bergeron said the estimates run anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The current plan is to create an oblong brick terrace flanked on four corners with plantings and bench-

es. Two sides would bear plaques listing the names of veterans killed in Vietnam or possibly all veterans who served in the conflict, and might possibly give facts about the war and the country of Vietnam.

On a third side would rest the marble carving, which Bergeron said a local sculptor has volunteered to complete with the full figure of a soldier.

In the center of the park, the veterans hope to have a bronze fountain in the shape of a "field cross" — a configuration of a bayonet, boots and helmet used to commemorate a fallen soldier.

Bergeron said the veterans' group plans to begin fund raising for the project once they have the final plans fleshed out and OK'd by the

city.

Staff for Sens. Patrick Leahy and James Jeffords and Rep. Bernard Sanders are currently researching whether any grant money is available to help fund the memorial, Bergeron said. Several area artisans and merchants have also offered to donate their services or materials either for free or at cost, he said.

The group hopes to dedicate the memorial either Aug. 9, 1997 — the date a statewide Vietnam-era recognition day will be celebrated in Rutland — or on Veterans Day in November 1997, he said.

"I think the time is now, because the longer we prolong it, it may never get done," he said.

Sculpture Has New 'Leash' 8/28 On Life

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

Sometimes it's best to let sleeping dogs lie.

That's exactly what Rutland City officials have decided to do in the case of a 15-ton canine sculpture in downtown's Depot Park.

Project officials had been chasing their tails for the last week trying to determine the best way to tame "The Leash," a bronze sculpture of a dog tethered to a parking meter by an imaginary leash.

The sculpture — crafted by area artist Patrick Farrow in 1984 — was to have been moved 15 feet as part of the renovation of Depot Park.

But the move became a problem when workers sized up the task and discovered that the statue weighs at least 30,000 pounds, and maybe more.

The dog, its tail and the parking meter are all attached to separate marble slabs, which in turn are fixed to a concrete footing that extends six feet underground. Farrow and others worried that if the sculpture were moved, it could easily be damaged.

Matthew Sternberg, director of the Rutland Redevelopment Authority and the city's lead in the Depot Park project, at first considered hiring a crane to move the entire monument as a unit.

But there was some disagreement over who should pay for the crane. And Sternberg said that even with the crane, the unreinforced concrete might break apart.

"When it's up in the air you could torque the thing right out of whatever's holding it," Sternberg said on Tuesday. "That would be the end of the dog."

He joked that the only way to accomplish the task would be to pivot the entire downtown plaza around the big dog. "And who cares what happens with the crossing," Sternberg said, referring to a disagreement between the city and a railroad company that has dogged plans for a new street near the plaza.

Instead, however, the design of Depot Park will be slightly modified to allow the dog to stay. A war memorial that was to be moved to a southern corner of the park will be moved to the west. A concrete planter will be shortened to give the dog more room.

"It'll look nice, and everybody's happy," Sternberg said. Officials had worried that the problem might stall the park's renovation, but that appears to have been averted.

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Tike Ball

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is providing a Martial Arts class for preschoolers (ages 4-5) at the Southeast School from Wednesday, Sept. 18 to Wednesday, Oct. 23. Registration for the class is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center on East Center street in Rutland.

The class, called Tike Ball, is a combination of kickball and baseball. Children will work on their motor skills while learning some basic baseball concepts.

A \$5 discount will be given to those registering before Sept. 11.

Winter Swim Team

The Rutland Recreation Department is in the preliminary stages of forming a winter swim team. Anyone interested should call and leave their name with the Recreation Department at 773-1822.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godrick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignoe, 773-8656, new players welcome.

Farewell Gathering To Honor Rowe

To all Rutland/Addison RSVP volunteers: Please plan to attend a reception to bid farewell to RSVP's outgoing director of 16 years, Anne Rowe, Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to noon at the RSVP offices, 39 East Center St., Rutland. Doughnuts and coffee will be served.

If you can attend, call Nan Hart at 775-8220.



Photo by Caleb Kenna

Alley-Oop

Jason Levins, 13, found an innovative use for an ashtray while skateboarding in Rutland Friday.

Rutland Adult Softball
Late Tuesday Scores
Women's V. Ryan, Smith, Carbine 14, Colap
Builders 7
Men's A. Dart Mini Mart 24, K of C 7
Wednesday
Women's A. Two Sheas vs. MacLeod's MF
Women's B. Cripple Creek vs. Colap Builders
NE, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B. Club Rio vs. Jilly's, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's A. Phil's Discount vs. Johnson Energy/
Sabb's, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's B. GE Yellow Jacks 7, The Nalors 0
Men's C. CVP's Rio Club 15, Bergen County 2
Men's D. V.A.C. 11, Pizza Delight 7

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League
First Vermont Bank 10, Moose 8 — Winning
pitcher: Jeff Hall. Hitting stars: Jeff Hall, Derek
Pitts and Kurt Linn.
Rutland County Jr. League
Pittsford 9, Castleton 5 — Winning pitcher: Jesse
Carswell. Save: Brian Kamuda. Hitting: Team ef-
fort.
Post 31 17, Rutland Town 3 — Winning pitcher:
Scott Drew. Hitting: Team effort.
Arlington 15, Mill River 12 — Winning pitcher:
Scott Sheldon. Hitting star: Obe Sacchen
(grand slam home run).
Poultney 5, Mill River 2 — Winning pitcher: John
Simons. Hitting stars: Jason Pudnick.
Ludlow 9, Rutland Rotary South 3 — Winning
pitcher: Seth Gurdak. Hitting star: Nico Spaul-
ding.
Manchester 4, Rutland Expos 0 — Winning pitch-
er: Ricky Dailey. Hitting stars: Charles Ullman
and Travis Frost.

Thursday's Games

American Legion Baseball
Fair Haven at Rutland
Montpelier at South Royalton
New York-Penn League Baseball
Vermont at Oneonta
Adult League Softball
Women's A: Jilly's vs. BRP/The Inn, MF
Women's B: Green Mountain Paddler vs. WJRL
MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's A: Farnell's Bud Light vs. Keith's, MS, 9:15
p.m.
Men's B: Uncle Sam's vs. Jilly's, JFC
Men's C: Feds vs. Club Rio, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Ranch Suggers vs. Magos, GIO

Adult League Softball
Late Wednesday Games
Women's B: Club Rio 20, Jilly's 5
Men's A: Phil's Discount 10, Johnson Energy/
Sabb's 7 Thursday
Women's A: Jilly's vs. BRP/The Inn, MF
Women's B: Green Mountain Paddler vs. WJRL
MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's A: Farnell's Bud Light vs. Keith's, MS, 9:15
p.m.
Men's B: Uncle Sam's vs. Jilly's, JFC
Men's C: Feds 14, Club Rio 2
Ranch Suggers 22, Magos 2

Friday's Games

Legion Baseball
Bellows Falls at Bennington, 6 p.m.
Chester at Brattleboro, 6
New York-Penn League
Vermont at Oneonta

Midget Baseball

Rutland City Midget League
Final Standings
IAFF 14-2
K of C 13-3
Rutland Fuel 12-4
Eagles 9-6
Edson Raiders 9-7
Suburban Propane 7-7
Elks 7-9
Kiwanis 5-10
Rotary South 4-11
First Vermont Bank 3-13
Moose 2-12

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Sr. League
Ludlow 19, Poultney 7 — Winning pitcher: John
Priester. Hitting stars: Jon Norton, Jackson Eag
and J.P. Carline (three RBIs).
VPW Post 640 11, Rutland 1201 4 — Winning
pitcher: Mike Stoodley. Hitting stars: Jason Inah,
Andrew Rasulo and Stoodley.
Rutland Town 10, Fair Haven 2 — Winning pitch-
er: Angel Shannon. Hitting stars: Dan Godbout,
Nate Barnes and Steve Swain.
Manchester 9, Mill River 4 — Winning pitcher:
Nick Matteson. Hitting stars: John McGraw, Paul
Mulroy and Matteson.

Rutland City Midget League

playoffs
First Vermont Bank 13, Rotary South 9 — Win-
ning pitcher: Ted Siemucha. Hitting stars: Jeff
Hall, Matt Croft and Scott Hannigan.
Elks defeated Kiwanis — No results reported.

1-25 Today

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market

Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Noon Concert

Rutland, Downtown Brass performs in Center Street Alley, noon-1 p.m.

8-3 Today

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market

Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Middlebury, Food, flowers, vegetables and more, by the falls, Marbleworks Shopping District, 9 a.m.-noon; Londonderry, West River farmers market, Routes 11 and 100, in the park, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
March 27: Rutland Town 5 — Winning pitcher: Paul Mulvey. Hitting stars: Matt Colvin, John McGraw and Joe McGrady.
Post 31 16: Exos 1 — Winning pitcher: Chris Graves. Hitting stars: Andy Morgan and Pat McCormick.
Post 31 4: Laddow 6 — Winning pitcher: Joe Brown (18 strikeouts). Hitting stars: Chris Graves and Pat McCormick.

7-29

Downtown Farmers Market

Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Middlebury, Food, flowers, vegetables and more, by the falls, Marbleworks Shopping District, 9 a.m.-noon; Londonderry, West River farmers market, Routes 11 and 100, in the park, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Quintessential Brass 7-31

Rutland, Quintessential Brass performs in Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge 4-1

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7-15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7388, or Irene Vignone, 773-8656, new players welcome.

Gospel Music Concert 7-27

Rutland, Four Gospel singing groups perform, Main Street Park, 6:45-9 p.m.

Noon Concert 7-31

Rutland, Bruce White performs in Center Street Alley, noon-1 p.m.

Rutland City Softball

Friday Makeup Games
Women's A: BPP/The Inn 16, May 20
Women's B: WJLR 17, Cripple Creek
Men's C: Feds 17, C's 13

8/3

Swimmers Converge On Rutland Pool 7-28

By ED BARNABY
Correspondent

RUTLAND — About 475 natatory nymphs and neptunes, along with their parents and coaches, congregated at the White's Park pool Saturday for the first-ever Southern Vermont Swim League championships.

After years of holding dual meets, eight teams this year decided to join forces and hold a larger event, the kind that can improve racers' times not only through an adrenalin rush, but also from learning by example.

On hand were the Rutland Piranhas, the Sherburne Sharks, the Rockingham Sea Lions, the Bennington Marauders, and less colorfully named teams from Woodstock, Springfield, Brattleboro and Manchester. Aged 5 to 18, they were on the fast track to a healthier life, in a sport where competitors can attend meets even into their 80s through the Masters swimming program.

Several coaches observed that swimming has become very popular among young athletes as a cross-training activity.

"It's non-stressful on the joints," observed Sherburne co-leader Barbara Marshall. "Every other sport hurts your joints."

But most of the swimmers were dedicated competitors in the pool. Mary Jane Shomo of Rutland, the league's secretary, observed that the Rutland kids have to show up

at 7 a.m., five days a week, and "it's been cold."

Swimming was described as "parent-intensive" by one Rutland parent. Shomo said, "We have very wonderful parents who do a lot of work," and who made the big swim meet possible.

Adding to the excitement Saturday was the example of America's Olympic swimmers. Coaches and swimmers alike said that Vermont's youngsters are avidly following the contests in Atlanta, with the added bonus that sometimes they start believing what their coaches are telling them when they see top swimmers with strokes different than their own.

Woodstock coach Amal Hussein said she sees the same effect when one of her swimmers gets to see another Vermont swimmer using what the coach advised to move ahead. That view from behind often accomplishes what endless repetition can't, she said.

From above, the races are flashes of lycra in splashes of blue pool water. Sherburne racers Miranda Watts, Suki Dalury, Sophie Young and Alison Fiore offered insights into what racing is like down under.

You have to imagine a swimmer who is behind saying, "Come on, pick it up, you can beat them, you've done it before." The leader might be saying "Yes, yes, yes, first place!" or "This is just ducky!" or singing (several girls said this)



Photo by Kaleb Kenna

Greg Foley of Rutland swims the 25-yard backstroke at the first-ever Southern Vermont swim League championships Saturday.

Row, row, row your boat."

Everyone complained about the lack of winter swimming space to keep skills honed. Elsewhere in the country, swimming is in a decline, perhaps from lack of spaces or lack of time with kids so busy, but demand is increasing in Vermont, coaches said.

Were more communities to build all-weather pools, they, too, might experience some of the team spirit that swimming together produces, coaches said.

Hussein added, "It's such a free

feeling being in the water. When I was growing up, I just wanted to be a dolphin."

Were there any possible pre-Olympians in the pool Saturday? Yes, said several observers, naming one Rutland boy.

His name isn't here because Marshall pointed out that it is the team that counts at this level and it was a day for personal best and winning heats, not making futuristic plans. But a parent confirmed that the boy's lung capacity was such that parents holding swimming birthday parties had to be warned

he wasn't drowning when he stayed underwater so long.

But the message was to swim, not necessarily to win.

"There's nothing as relaxing — or just to look at it," said Hussein. "We may not have been born to the water, but we take to it."

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market

Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Middlebury, Food, flowers, vegetables and more, by the falls, Marbleworks Shopping District, 9 a.m.-noon.; Londonderry, West River farmers market, Routes 11 and 100, in the park, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Teen Site Expected In August

By **FREDERICK BEVER**
Herald Staff

The creation of a teen center in Rutland is progressing more slowly than originally expected, but project officials say a facility could be up and running by next month.

Although the center will initially be located at the Southeast School, the group is also considering finding another facility that would be more central and less intrusive in residential neighborhoods.

Schools superintendent David Wolk and other members of the group's board conducted a second round of interviews Wednesday with candidates for the center's directorship. Wolk said after another round of interviews next week, the group should be ready to make a choice.

"We've had 30 applications, and we really are quite fussy about the person we are going to hire," Wolk said. "Plus, we've got a large board."

The board includes student representatives, school administrators, city officials and a neighborhood resident. Last month, a mission statement was drafted and bylaws adopted.

The teen center concept has been kicking around for at least two decades. But when members of Los Solidos, a southern New England street gang, appeared in town last year, the need to provide constructive activities for local youth gained urgency.

Wolk successfully applied for a \$76,000 federal grant that will fund the hiring of a director, part-time staff and associated expenses. The director's starting salary was set at \$24,413.

The program will include a drop-in center, referral services, opportunities for community service, sports and a revamped Rutland Area Mentoring Program.

Wolk said the search for a new facility was on hold until a director is hired. But board members

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Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m.; for information call Bill Becker, 773-7366, or Irene Vignoe, 773-8856, new players welcome.

Saturday's Events

Legion Baseball
Rutland at South Hadley, Mass.
Fair Haven at Middlebury Tournament
Cheshire at Bellows Falls, 1 p.m.
New York-Penn League
Vermont at Pittsfield, Mass.

Sunday's Events

American Legion 8-9
Rutland at South Hadley Touring
Addison County at South Hadley
New York-Penn League
Hudson Valley at Vermont

Rutland Adult Softball

Women's A: Two Sheas vs. Mintzer Brothers, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Women's B: Cotugi Brothers vs. WJUR, NE, 6:30 p.m.
Men's A: Johnson Energy/Sabby's vs. Carey's Auto, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Mr. C's vs. Center Street Saloom, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Feds vs. Bargain Country, Go, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: Ranch Sluggers vs. VAC, MS, 9:15 p.m.

Midget League

Rutland City
Midget League Baseball Standings
As of July 2
AFF 12-1
K of C 11-2
Rutland Fuel 10-4
Eagles 7-5
Suburban Propane 6-5
Edson Redders 7-7
Eles 6-6
Rotary South 4-8
Kiwanis 3-10
Moose 1-9
First Vt. Bank 1-11

Teen

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have talked with local property owners like Joseph Giancola about the possibility of locating a drop-in center closer to the downtown district.

"We just wanted to make sure we had a sense of what locations might be available to us," Wolk said. He added, however, that the program's budget does not include funds for

renting out space.

"We want to look at alternative sources of funding," Wolk said.

The teen center was originally to be sited at the Dana Recreation Center. But after an outcry from neighboring residents, officials backed off and chose the Southeast School instead.

Residents of that neighborhood did not get their say until after the decision was made. At a meeting with those neighbors, Wolk indicated that the program's evening hours might be limited.

Wolk skirted the issue Wednesday, saying hours would be decided after the director is hired. But he acknowledged that one reason for considering a downtown move was to avoid such conflicts with neighbors.

"Our plan now is to have a program at Southeast and to work well with the neighbors, but at the same time look for other sites," Wolk said.

He added that he believed the Southeast School would prove popular among area teenagers.

Rutland Adult Softball

Women's A: Two Sheas vs. Mintzer Brothers, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Women's B: Cotugi Brothers vs. WJUR, NE, 6:30 p.m.
Men's A: Carey's Auto 19, Johnson Energy/Sabby's 7
Men's B: Mr. C's 8, Center Street Saloom 4
Men's C: Feds 20, Bargain Country 13
Men's D: Ranch Sluggers vs. VAC, MS, 9:15 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Senior League
Local 1201 10, Otter Valley 5—Winning pitcher: Matt Shortle. Hitting stars: Nick Rapena, Matt Woods and Rick Enrick.

Monday's Events

Legion Baseball
Bellows Falls at Rutland, 6 p.m.
Windoor at Chester, 6 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball

Women's A: Bud Light vs. BRP/The Inn, JFC
Women's B: WJUR vs. Club Rom NE
Men's A: Carey's Auto vs. Dart Mini Mart, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Lincoln Sports vs. Jilly's, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's C: C's No 1 vs. C's No 2, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's D: American Legion vs. Cripple Creek, MF

Organizations

Senior Council

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will meet at the Senior Center on Tuesday, July 9. A bag lunch at 5 p.m. will precede the meeting. There will be also entertainment.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Tom Boise performs in Center Street Alley, noon-1 p.m.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Tom Boise performs in Center Street Alley, noon-1 p.m.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Band Concert

Rutland, Cool Shade of Blue performs big band music, Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m.

Tournament Big Success

On June 8 and 9 Hannaford's Superstore held a softball tournament to benefit the Salvation Army. We were able to raise \$1,000 to help pay tuition for Rutland area kids going to the Salvation Army camp at Point Sebago, Maine.

We would like to thank the following businesses: Farrell Distributing, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Bouyea, Fassetts, Frito Lay Co., and Mitchell Tees.

The following teams also get a big thanks for participating: Dart Mart (first place), Garage Doors Unlimited (second place), Carey's Auto (third place), Bargain Country, Smith Buick, Farrells, Quenneville Trucking, CJ's, 3D's, and UST.

Lastly, we need to thank the Rutland Recreation Department for their help and the use of their fields. Also, Al Chamberlain, Paul Houle, Jeannie LaRock, and Larry DellVeneri for helping with umpiring and our concession stand.

BOB WETHERBY
(Store Manager, Hannaford's)
Rutland

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Ludlow 14, Rutland Town 4 — Winning pitcher: Sean Gurdak. Defensive star: Gary Geyer.

Rutland Adult Softball

Women's A: Bud Light 14, BRP/The Inn 0
Women's B: WJLR vs. Club Rom, No score
Men's A: Dart Mini Mart 27, Carey's Auto 4
Men's A: KC's Tavern 15, Parker's Auto/Goodrich 14
Men's B: Lindholm Sports vs. Jilly's, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's C: C's No. 1 vs. C's No. 2, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's D: Cripple Creek 9, American Legion 3

Wednesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Tuesday's Late Games
Women's A: Jilly's 13, Tapas 2
Men's B: Uncle Sam's 13, 3D's 4
Men's D: Buccaneers 7, Abank 6
Wednesday's Results
All games postponed

Thursday's Events

Legion Baseball
Fair Haven at Middlebury, 7 p.m.
Walpole vs. Beloit Falls at Sartori's River, 6 p.m.
Chester at Windsor, 6 p.m.
NY Penn Baseball
Vermont at Piscataway
Rutland Adult Softball
No games scheduled

Youth Leagues

Senior Babe Ruth
Tuesday Night
Fair Haven 7, Arlington 6. Winning Pitcher: Ryan Rickett. Hitting: team effort.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market

Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Middlebury, food, flowers, vegetables and more, by the Falls, Marbleworks Shopping District, 9 a.m.-noon; Londonderry, West River farmers market, Routes 11 and 100, in the park, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Senior Council

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will hold a regular meeting Tuesday, July 23, at the Godnick Adult Center. A bag lunch will be held at 5 p.m. Entertainment will precede the social. Sign up for catered supper to be held at the next meeting.



What's "Bugging" you?

DOWNTOWN FARMER'S MARKET

Tuesday & Saturday, 9am-3pm
Depot Park, Downtown Rutland
Master Gardeners on hand to answer your insect questions.

Strawberries	Honey
Peas + Zucchini	Jams/Jellies
Squash	Home Baked Goods
Beet Greens	Vermont Cheddar Cheese
Lettuce	Apple Cider
Maple Syrup	Hand Crafted Items

Thursday's Results

N.Y. Penn League Baseball
Vermont 3, Lowell 2
Legion Baseball
Rutland 12, Fair Haven 2, 5 innings
Hartford 13, Beloit Falls 0, 5 innings
Walpole (N.H.) 5, Chester 1
Lebanon (N.H.) 17, South Royalton 4
Rutland Adult Softball
Wednesday's Late Score
Men's B: Center Street Saloon 13, The Nallers 9
Thursday's Scores
Women's A: Two Sheas 7, Magpas 0 (forfeit)
Women's B: CVPS/Fabrics 10, Green Mt. Peddies 3
Women's B: WJLR 8, Cotrupi 4
Men's A: Farrell's Bud Light 13, Johnson Energy/Sabby's 5
Men's B: Uncle Sam's vs. GE Yellow Jackets, late game
Men's C: Feds vs. CVPS Red Club, late game
Men's D: Magpas 11, Pizza Delight 7

Rutland County Senior League
Rutland City 1201 12, Fair Haven 5. Winning pitcher: Ed Landon. Hitting stars: Landon, Matt Waterman, Dave Jeski.
Rutland Town 12, Arlington 4. Winning pitcher: Jamie Girard. Hitting stars: Dan Godbout, Nate Friedberg, Nate Barnes.
Manchester 21, West Rutland 6. Winning pitcher: Paul Mulroy. Hitting stars: Mulroy, Nick Mattson, John McGraw, Aaron Squares.
Mill River 8, Poultny 6. Team effort.

Rutland County Junior League
Pittsford 11, Rutland Expos 8. Winning pitcher: Richard Enick. Hitting stars: Team effort.
Ludlow 10, Castleton 1. Winning pitcher: Chris Strong. Hitting star: Evan Seleck.

Rutland City Midget League
First Vermont Bank 11, Rotary South 10. Winning pitcher: Jeff Hill. Hitting stars: Kurtis Ianni, game winning hit and team effort.
Rutland: Paul 5, Suburban Propane 4. Winning pitcher: Kyle Masse. Hitting stars: Salter Compagni, Jim Fitzsimmons, Gerry Barber.

Youth All-Stars

The Rutland County Youth Baseball League will hold its junior and senior division All-Star Games on Sunday, July 14 at Northwood Park in Rutland Town.

The junior division game will kick off at 12:30 p.m. Players from Mill River, Rutland Town, Rutland Expos, Ludlow, Pittsford, Proctor and Rutland Rotary South will comprise the East bracket stars, with players from Arlington, Castleton, Poultny, Fair Haven, Manchester, Rutland Post 31 and Mill River II making up the West bracket team.

The senior division game will complete the day at 3:15 p.m. Players from Manchester, Mill River, Ludlow, Flood Brook, Arlington and Rutland City VFW will make up the East bracket team while players chosen from Fair Haven, Rutland Town, Poultny, West Rutland, Otter Valley and Rutland City 1201 will fill out the West bracket roster.

Refreshments may be purchased at the games. (For a complete roster, see the Scoreboard section on p. 19.)

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League
K of C 25, Moose 3 — Team effort.
Edson's Raiders 5, IAFF 4 — Winning pitcher: Ken Laballe. Save: Dan Fitzgerald. Fielding stars: Steve Reilly and Josh Hubbard.

Proctor Youth League
Proctor A's 5, Barstow Badgers 4 — Winning pitcher: Mike Smith. Hitting stars: Kevin Canly (game-winning RBI), Smith and Mike Longley.

Rutland County Jr. League
Post 31 12, Proctor 3 — Winning pitcher: Pat McCormick. Hitting stars: Andy Morgan and Josh Turner.
Manchester 11, Rutland Rotary South 4 — Winning pitcher: Andrew Zoufaly. Hitting star: Zoufaly (4-for-4 with a triple).
Arlington 12, Mill River No. 17 — Winning pitcher: Obie Buccichera. Hitting: team effort.

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Penn League Baseball
Pittsfield at Vermont
American Legion Baseball
Addison County at Fair Haven, 6 p.m.
Bennington at Chester, 6 p.m.
Barre at South Royalton, 6 p.m.
Windsor at Hartford, 8 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball

Women's A: Wayne's Body Shop vs. Tapas, JFC
Women's B: Rippey Creek vs. Hogge Perry Inn, NE
Women's B: Ryan, Smith and Carbine vs. Green Mountain Peddies, MN
Men's A: Phil's Discount vs. Parker's Auto/Goodrich, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's B: The Nallers vs. Center Street Saloon, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's C: Two Sheas vs. Tyler's Team, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's D: Ranch Sluggers vs. Abank, MF

Rutland Adult Softball

Monday's Late Scores
Women's B: WJLR 17, Club Rio 14
Men's B: Lindholm Sports 12, Jilly's 9
Men's C: C.J.'s No. 114, C.J.'s No. 2 13
Tuesday's Scores
Women's A: Jilly's 7, MacLeods 5
Women's B: Ryan, Smith and Carbine 18, Jilly's 5
Men's A: Kacey's Tavern 14, Keith's Bully's 9
Men's B: Mountain Tread and Shred vs. Reds, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's C: Renegades vs. Club Rio, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's D: VAC 16, Buccaneers 2

Rutland Senior League
West Rutland 4, Rutland Town 2. Winning pitcher: Brian Gudelis. Hitting stars: Jamie Norton, Kurt Shul.
Manchester 6, Otter Valley 3. Winning pitcher: Nick Mattson. Hitting stars: John McGraw, Steve Hubner.
Mill River 15, 1201 0. Hitting stars: team effort.
VFW Post 648 18, Poultny 7. Winning pitcher: Josh Polger. Hitting stars: Garrett Griffin, Jordan Arbour, Ryan Campbell.
VFW Post 648 22, Mill River 4 (Saturday). Winning pitcher: Jake Enck. Hitting stars: Matt Sosa, Matt Ruby, Garrett Griffin.

Rutland Junior League
Rutland Town 7, Poultny 7 (8 innings). Hitting stars: John Rudnicki, John Simons.



Wesley Fahringer

Fahringer Heads Up Teen Center

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

A 28-year-old state forest ranger has been hired to direct the city's fledgling teen center effort.

Wesley Fahringer of Underhill began his duties Monday by touring of the city's facilities with Leif Dahlin, the superintendent of Parks & Recreation. Eventually, he will head the Teen Services Center in the former Southeast School.

"It sounded like something I really wanted to do," Fahringer said. "It provides me with an opportunity to become more permanent in a community, to provide good services for my neighbors."

Fahringer piloted a state initiative that gave summertime management of several state parks — including Lake Dunmore and Lake Bomoseen — over to members of the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps.

"I think young people are going to be very comfortable

with Wes," said Dahlin. "He'll be able to get along with them, and at the same time set appropriate boundaries."

Clarke Postemski, a youth services worker who chairs the program's board, said Fahringer was grilled during interviews about the kinds of crises that can arise with teenagers.

"He was asked some really hard-hitting questions, and he had the answers," Postemski said. "I think he's got the ability to do it and the energy to do it."

More than two dozen people applied for the job, and six were interviewed, Dahlin said.

Fahringer is a graduate of Penn State, where he earned a degree in parks and recreation management. He said his basic task would be to create programs and opportunities that would actually draw young people's interest.

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Director

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"The big challenge is how to attract the kids, trying to make the place truly responsive to youth and giving them a sense of ownership," he said. Toward that end, he promised to meet with the teen center's board and to develop an advisory council made up solely of teenagers.

Fahringer will also meet with area service organizations to canvas programs they may offer that could become part of the youth center's regular offerings.

Dahlin added that the center will make use of one tried-and-true way to get kids in the doors: "Free food."

The teen center concept gained momentum last year after members of a southern New England street gang known as "Los Solidos" arrived in this community.

Although the creation of a teen center had been bandied about for decades, the possibility of teenagers joining a gang impelled concrete action.

Schools Superintendent David Wolk successfully sought a \$71,000 grant to get the program off the ground. That will pay Fahringer's \$24,000 salary, and that of a yet-to-be hired assistant director.

The effort to find a site for a teen center has run into frequent opposition from neighbors. A plan to locate it at the Dana Recreation Cen-

ter was shelved as a result of neighborhood opposition.

That led to the current plan to use the Southeast School. Some neighbors have voiced concern about the facility's effect on their neighborhood, and project officials say they will still consider other sites if they become available.

But Fahringer is happy with the Southeast School.

"It's got such potential," he said. There's lots of room for outside activities, and inside there's a stage and kitchen."

Fahringer said he hoped a cross-section of teenagers would use the center.

"This would be a good opportunity for people who don't ordinarily hang out together to do so," he said. "A great way to learn about someone is to recreate with them."

Folk Artists Perform In Center Street Alley

Two of the nation's best folk recording artists will perform in this month's Folk Alley Thursdays con-

cert Aug. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. in downtown Rutland's Center Street Alley.

This free concert will feature David Buskin and Susan Werner.

Buskin's songs have been recorded by Judy Collins; Peter, Paul and Mary; Roberta Flack; Tom Rush and others. His latest CD, "Heaven is Free Tonight," has been released to a chorus of critical acclaim.

Werner is an Iowa farm girl whose songs about relationships that have slowly unraveled or suddenly collapsed resonate with emotional truth and poignancy.

In case of rain, the show will go in the atrium of the Bloomer State Office Building at 88 Merchants Row.

For information, call Rutland Partnership at 773-9380 or Rutland Area Cultural Alliance at 747-3590.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Farmers' Market

Brandon, Fresh vegetables, plants, baked goods, jams, maple syrup, crafts, central park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Flea Market

Rutland, Rutland Recreation and Parks Department holds flea market, Godnick Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine.

Tuesday's Results

Legion Baseball
Rutland 15, Fair Haven 9
Rutland City Softball
Women's A: Jilly's 4, Wayne's Body Shop 3
Women's B: Green Mountain Paddlers 24, Jilly's 9
Women's B: Club Rio vs. Hogge Penny Inn, MS, 8:15 p.m.
Men's A: Farrell's Bud Light 12, KC's Tavern 3
Men's B: Uncle Sam's 16, Mr. C's 4
Men's C: Renegades 11, Two Sheik's 7
Men's D: Pizza Delights vs. Buccaneers, MS, 7:45 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League
K of C's, Rutland Fuel 3, Winning Pitcher: Kyle Beddard, Steve Ryan Lawrence, Hitting Stars: Jesse Lawrence and Chris Lounas.
IAFF 4, Eagles 2, Pitching stars: Nate Graham and Craig Barbagallo. Hitting star: John Bruno.
Junior Babe Ruth
Arlington 9, Fair Haven 2, Winning pitcher: Oble Buzzell. Hitting stars — Team effort.

Boating Safety

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is holding a boating safety course for all interested individuals age 10 and up. The course will run from Tuesday, July 30 to Thursday, August 8 and will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with instructor Becky McDonald. There is no charge for the course, although anyone interested in attending should pre-register at the Dana Recreation Center on 39 East Center Street.

Thursday's Results

Rutland City Softball
Women's A: Menzer Brothers vs. Tapas, p.p.d.
Women's B: CVPS/Fabrics vs. Cotnam Builders, p.p.d.
Men's A: Don Mini Mart vs. Keiths & Jilly's, p.p.d.
Men's A: Parkers Auto/Goodrich vs. Farrell's Bud Light, p.p.d.
Men's B: 30's 10, Mr. C's 4
Men's C: CVPS Rec Club vs. C's 2, p.p.d.
Men's D: Cripple Creek vs. VAC, MS 7:45 p.m.
New York-Penn League
Vermont at Hudson Valley

Friday's Games

Legion Baseball
Northern Tourney at Middlebury
Southern Tourney at Chester

Rutland City Softball

Friday Makeup Games
Women's B: Cripple Creek vs. WJLR, NE, 8:15 p.m.
Men's A: Parker Auto/Goodrich's vs. Johnson Energy/Sally's, JFC, 6:15 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Sr. League
Playoffs
West Rutland 7, Poughney 1 — Winning pitcher: Ryan Louis Haring. Team effort.
VFW Post 448 7, Manchester 2 — Winning pitcher: Jake Eaton. Hitting stars: Josh Polgar, Garrett Giffen and Andrew Pissulo.



Silhouette on Skates

121 Ian Burney, 14, takes a jump while in-line skating at the Giorgetti Park Pavilion in Rutland this week. A sports training school is conducted at the park.

Staff Photo by A.J. Marro

Senior Highlights

121 Highlights for July 29 to Aug. 2 at the Godnick Adult Center:

Monday: 7 a.m., golf at Rutland Country Club; 10:30 a.m., piano; 12:30 p.m., canasta; 1:15 p.m. Bingo; 1:30 p.m., chorus.

Tuesday: 8 a.m., tennis at White's; 9:15 a.m., line dancing; 1 p.m., bridge, poker and Country Crafters.

Wednesday: 9:15 a.m., exercise; 9:30 a.m., shuffleboard, softball; noon, Killington Music Festival; 12:30 p.m., foot care; 1 p.m., pinochle.

Thursday: 9:15 a.m. folk dance; 10 a.m., canasta; 1 p.m., poker; 1:15 p.m., bridge; 7 p.m., Marble Valley Bridge Club.

Friday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., flea market; 10 a.m., piano; 1 p.m., whist and bridge; 1:30 p.m., chorus.

Meals are served at 11:45 a.m. The van is available for rides from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 773-1853.

Wednesday's Results

Rutland City Softball
Women's A: Bud Lite vs. Two She's, p.pd.
Women's B: Cripple Creek vs. W.J.R., p.pd.
Men's A: Parker's/Godnick's vs. Johnson Energy/Sadby's, p.pd.
Men's B: Red's vs. 30's, p.pd.
Men's C: Bargain Country vs. Tyler's Team, p.pd.
Men's D: Two She's vs. Club Rio, p.pd.
Men's D: Albanks vs. Magoo's, MS, p.pd.

Thursday's Events

Rutland City Softball
Women's A: Mintzer Brothers vs. Tapes, MS 6:15 p.m.
Women's B: CVPS/Fabians vs. Conrupt Builders, MS 9:15 p.m.
Men's A: Dart Mini Mart vs. Keith's/Willy's, JFC 6:15 p.m.
Men's A: Parkers Auto/Godnick's vs. Farrell's Bud Lite, MF 6:15 p.m.
Men's B: Mr. C's vs. 30's, Go 6:15 p.m.
Men's C: CVPS Rec Club vs. C.J's 2, MN 6:15 p.m.
Men's D: Cripple Creek vs. VAC, MS 7:45 p.m.
New York-Penn League
Vermont at Hudson Valley

Soccer Camp

121 The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring a pre-season soccer camp from Aug. 5-9. Section A, for grades 6-8, is from noon to 4 p.m. Section B, for grades 9-12 is from 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 for residents and \$57 for non-residents.

The camp will be held at Giorgetti Field and will be instructed by Mike Kinsler, Vera Borden and Dave Goodspeed. To register, sign up at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Monday's Results

Rutland City Softball
Women's A: BRP/The Inn's, Tapes 3
Women's A: C.J's & MacLeods 7
Men's A: Bill's Discount 10, Carey's Auto 6
Men's B: The Nailers 7, Lindholm's 0
Men's C: Phillips and Sons 20, Club Rio 8
Men's D: American Legion 7, Ranch Sugars 0
Men's D: Cripple Creek 24, Pizza Delight 8

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League Playoffs
Eagles 18, Edison's Raiders 0. Winning pitcher: George Czarnecki. Hitting stars: Total team effort.
Rutland Fuel 8, Suburban Propane 0. Winning pitcher: Darby Simmonds. Hitting star: Kyle Massie, double and triple.

Rutland County Senior League
Fair Haven 20, VFW 7. Winning pitcher: Ryan Audet. Hitting stars: Total team effort.
Ludlow 10, Manchester 4. Winning pitcher: Jason Marino. Hitting stars: Jackson Ellis, Mike Kennedy, Luke Ladden and Scott McEnany.

Tuesday's Events

Legion Baseball
Fair Haven at Rutland, 6 p.m.
South Royalton at Addison, 6 p.m.
Rutland City Softball
Women's A: Jilly's vs. Wayne's Body Shop, MS 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Club Rio vs. Hogge Penny Inn, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's A: Farrell's Bud Lite vs. KC's Tavern, JFC
Men's B: Uncle Sams vs. Mr. C's, GIO
Men's C: Renegades vs. Two She's, MN
Men's D: Pizza Delight vs. Buccaneers, MS, 7:45 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League Playoffs
IAFF 4, First Vermont Bank 1 — Pitchers: Brent Lawrence and Nate Graham combined for a no-hitter. Hitting stars: Nate Graham, Zack Passio and Nathaniel Marro.
K of C 15, Elks 4 — Team effort.

Rutland County Jr. League
Proctor 7, Fair Haven 6 — Winning pitcher: Jeff Patch. Hitting: Team effort.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market

Rutland, Food flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Noon Concert

Rutland, Downtown Brass performs in Center Street Alley, noon-1 p.m.

Calendar



Good Folk in the Alley

A folk concert featuring outstanding national recording artists Barbara Kessler (top), Scott Alarik and Greg Greenway (bottom), and hosted by James Mee will be held tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Center Street Alley in downtown Rutland. Admission is free. In case of rain, the concert will take place at the Asa Bloomer State Office Building on Merchants Row.

School

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Wilton suggested that the facility could also be used as a satellite branch of the Godnick Senior Center. "It will be key to keep people involved with the larger community," she said.

True to her political position, however, she also warned that in order to gain aldermanic support, the project would ultimately have to put the building back on the city's tax rolls.

The two-story brick building opened in 1895, and was closed last year. The city's Recreation Department temporarily located its administrative offices there until late last year. School officials have been casting around for new uses.

School Superintendent David Wolk said the School Board was interested in the project.

"We'd certainly be open to it," Wolk said. "We will be putting the Lincoln School on the market. ... We'd like to see the new use of the school provide some continuing tax revenues for the city."

Matthew Sternberg, director of the Rutland Redevelopment Authority, said the school's spacious classrooms and high ceilings could make it an ideal candidate for elderly housing.

And he projected that if the project happens, elderly residents from the neighborhood would move

Rutland Adult Softball
Monday's Late Scores
Women's A: Bud Lite 13, Jilly's 2
Women's B: CVPS/Fabian's 16, Hogge Penny Inn 3
Tuesday's Scores
Women's A: C.J.'s 8, Tapas 2
Women's B: Cotrupi Builders vs. Ryan, Smith and Carbone, late game
Men's A: K.C.'s Tavern vs. Dart Mini Mart, late game
Men's B: 3-D's 6, Mtn. Throad-n-Share 4
Men's C: Tyler's Team 13, Phillips-n-Sons 10
Men's D: Bargain Country 7, C.J. No. 2 6
Men's E: Buccaneers 16, Cripple Creek 1

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Penn League Baseball
Lowell at Vernon 7:05 p.m.
Ugandan Baseball
Fair Haven at Glen Falls 7:05 p.m.
Chester at Bellows Falls 6 p.m.
South Royalton at Addison 6 p.m.
Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Two Street vs. MacLeod's MF
Women's B: Cripple Creek vs. Cotrupi Builders, NE 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Club Rio vs. Jilly's MS 7:45 p.m.
Men's A: Phil's Discount vs. Johnson Energy/Sabby's MS 8:15 p.m.
Men's B: The Nailers vs. GE-Yellow Jackets JFC
Men's C: Bargain Country vs. CVPS Rec Club, MS 8:30 p.m.
Men's D: Pizza Delight vs. V.A.C. GIO

Youth Leagues

Rutland Senior League
Ludlow 4, Fair Haven 1. Winning pitcher: Jackson Ellis. Hitting stars: Jon Norton (double, home run), Mike Kennedy (2-for-3).
West Rutland 7, Poutney 5. Winning pitcher: Ryan Lasso. Hitting stars: team effort.
Rutland Town 5, Mt. Royal 4. Winning pitcher: Jamie Girard. Save: Angel Shannon. Hitting stars: Jason Allen, Dan Godbout, Greg Snow, Manchester 8, Rutland 1201 1. Winning pitcher: Paul Mulroy. Hitting stars: Aaron Squires, Paul Mulroy.
Rutland City Midget League
Eka B. Eagles 7. Winning pitchers: Nicky Adams, Save: Colin Temple. Hitting stars: Ian Moulton, Adam McIntire.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmer's Market
Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball

Rutland Adult Softball League
Standings
(Games Through 7/21/96)
WOMEN'S A

Bud Lite	9-1
Jilly's	9-1
Two Street	9-1
C.J.'s	6-4
Wayne's Body Shop	4-4
Metzer Bros	4-4
Tapas	3-7
BRP/The Inn	3-7
McLeod's	2-7
Mago's	0-9

WOMEN'S B

Cotrupi Builders	7-1
WJUR	7-1
Club Rio	7-3
CVPS/Fabian's	7-3
Ryan, Smith and Carbone	6-4
Green Mtn. Peddlers	3-7
Cripple Creek	3-7
Hogge Penny Inn	2-7
Jilly's	0-9

MEN'S A

Famel's Bud Lite	8-3
Dart Mini Mart	8-3
Casey's Auto	8-4
Kelli's Whiskey's	5-4
Parker's Auto Godrick	5-4
K.C.'s Tavern	5-5
Phil's Discount	3-5
Johnson Energy/Sabby's	1-9

MEN'S B

Uncle Sam's	9-1
Pede	8-2
GE-Yellow Jackets	7-2
Mtn. Throad-n-Share	5-4
Mr. C's	4-3
3-D's	4-5
The Nailers	4-5
Lindholm's Sports Ctr.	3-7
Corlier St. Saloon	2-7
Jilly's	0-10

MEN'S C

Tyler's Team	7-2
CVPS Rec Club	7-3
Fed's	8-3
Phillip and Sons	6-4
C.J.'s No. 2	5-4
C.J.'s No. 1	5-6
Bargain Country	4-5
Pinegroves	4-5
Two Street's	3-7
Club Rio	1-8

MEN'S D

Cripple Creek	8-0
Mago's	7-3
Pizza Delight	5-3
V.A.C.	5-5
Albank	4-5
American Legion	4-6
Buccaneers	4-6
Ranch Sluggers	0-9

Gospel Music Concert

There will be a Gospel Music Concert in Main Street Park Saturday, July 27, from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Four different gospel groups will perform. There is no admission. Everyone is welcome.

Seven to Sunset Concert

Rutland, Al Alessi plays old time rock and roll, Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m.

Rec Soccer

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department held a day-long spring soccer tournament at Flaitz Field recently, involving teams in the Under 12 and Under 14 divisions.

Rutland Town Seventh Grade claimed a 7-4 victory over Rutland Town Sixth Grade in the U14 finale. Team Italy of Rutland scored three second-half goals to help Proctor in the wild U12 finale.

Noon Concert

Rutland, Dick McCormack performs in Center Street Alley, noon-1 p.m.

Rutland Hockey Camp

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring a Field Hockey Skills Camp from July 29 to Aug. 1. The program is for students in grades 8-12 and is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$20 for residents and \$27 for non-residents. The camp will be held at the RHS Field Hockey Field and will be instructed by former Rutland High and Central Michigan University field hockey player **Theresa O'Connor**. Players can register at the Dana Recreation Center on East Center Street.

Midget Tourney

Four teams of Rutland City Midget League All Stars will play a mini tournament on Saturday and Sun. at White's Field. Saturday's games are slated for 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. with Sunday's games scheduled for 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

8-1

Center Street Alley Concerts This Week

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department invites you to join Tim Cairra at the Center Street Alley on Tuesday, July 23, and Dick McCormack on Thursday, July 25, from noon to 1 p.m. for a variety of easy listening acoustic sounds.

Al Alessie will play old time rock music in Main Street Park Wednesday, July 24, from 7 to 9 p.m.

In case of rain all Main Street Park concerts will be held at Fellowship Hall in Grace Congregational Church. Fellowship Hall is located in the church office building behind the library off Center Street. Parking is available in the West Street church parking lot. Concerts are free and open to the public.

Adult Coed In-Line Skating Program

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering an adult coed in-line skating program Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Zero Gravity Skate Park at the Giorgetti Rink, July 23 to Aug. 27.

Dave Goodspeed will instruct this

combination introductory and/or advanced course.

The fee is \$45 for residents and \$52 for non-residents. Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Monday's Results

N.Y. Penn League Baseball
Watertown 5, Vernon 3
Lewiston 7, Portland 4
Hartford 4, Lowell 1
Rutland Rec Softball
Women's A: Mitzel Brothers 7, Magos 0 (top)
Women's A: Two Sheas 14, Tapas 2
Women's B: Hodge Penny Inn vs. CVPs/Fabrics, MS, late game
Men's A: Parkers Auto/Goodrichs vs. Carey's Auto, MS, late game
Men's B: Red's 4, Center Street Saloon 1
Men's C: Two Sheas 10, Feds 5
Men's D: Albans 25, American Legion 18

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Penn League Baseball
Lowell at Vernon, 7:05 p.m.
Lewiston at Portland, 7:05 p.m.
South Glens Falls 6 p.m.
Addison at Fall Haven, 6 p.m.
Hartford at Bellows Falls, 6 p.m.
Brattleboro at Chester, 8 p.m.
Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: C.J.'s vs. Tapas, MF
Women's B: Cotrupi Builders vs. Ryan, Smith and Carbine, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's A: K.C.'s Tavern vs. Dart Mini Mart, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's B: Min. Thread-o-Shred vs. 3-D's JFC
Men's C: Phillips-Sons vs. Tyler's Team, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's C: C.J. No. 2 vs. Bargain Country, MN
Men's D: Buccaneers vs. Cripple Creek, GIO

Youth Leagues

Rutland Junior League
Ludlow 7, Proctor 6. Winning pitcher: Chris Strong. Defensive star: Nick Sheehan. Hitting stars: team effort.
Rutland Rotary South 11, Lothrop 3. Winning pitcher: Ronan Daley. Hitting stars: Kevin Bodard (grand slam).
Post 31 17, Castleton 7. Winning pitcher: Chris Graves. Hitting stars: Joe Brown, Chris Genovisi, Pat McCormack.
Fair Haven 14, Mill River Team 2 12. Winning pitcher: Eric Murphy. Hitting stars: Eddie Bethel (3-for-4), Murphy (three-run homer).
Manchester 8, Mill River Team 1 4. Winning pitcher: Rob Galotti. Hitting stars: Vinnie Bushlee, Rick Dalley, Andrew Zoubly.
Rutland Town 6, Rutland Expos 0. Winning pitcher: Erik Hurley. Hitting stars: Sean Hurley, Evan Hurley.
Arlington 12, Poulney 7. Winning pitcher: Obe Buccchem. Hitting stars: team effort.
Rutland Little League
IAFF 12, Elix 4. Winning pitcher: Brent Lawrence. Hitting star: John Bruno. Defensive star: Eli See.

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City Won't Reuse Depot Park's Trees

Most of the trees of Depot Park have been destroyed as part of the city's \$150,000 redevelopment of the site. The 32 trees — including a pine that was festively hung with lights each Christmas — were determined to be unsuitable for relocation, according to Matthew Sternberg, director of the Rutland Redevelopment Authority.

The plan originally called for saving the Christmas tree and moving it to a new location. But Sternberg said City Forester David Richards determined the tree was ailing and would not likely survive transplanting.

That tree will be replaced with a balsam fir. Twenty-four other trees — honey locusts and lindens — will make up the rest of the arborage in the redesigned park. Sternberg said planting new trees, at less than \$600 each, was more cost efficient than transplanting the old ones at nearly a cost of some \$900 each.

There will also be new shrubbery, planters, walkways and utilities in the park. The project is due for completion by Labor Day.

Youth League Standings

Rutland County Youth Baseball League

JUNIOR LEAGUE Final Standings East Division

1. Ludlow 10-5
2. Mill River 18-7
3. Painesford 6-9
4. Proctor 6-9
5. Rutland Town 6-9
6. Rutland Rotary South 4-10
7. Rutland Expos 1-14

West Division

1. Manchester 13-2
2. Rutland Post 31 13-2
3. Poulney 12-3
4. Arlington 11-4
5. Fair Haven 10-5
6. Castleton 3-12
7. Mill River 12-13

SENIOR DIVISION East Division

1. Floodbrook 12-1
2. Mill River 10-4
3. Manchester 10-4
4. Ludlow 9-5
5. Arlington 7-7
6. Rutland VFW 6-7

West Division

1. Rutland 1201 8-5
2. Rutland Town 7-6
3. West Rutland 5-9
4. Otter Valley 4-10
5. Fair Haven 4-10
6. Poulney 0-14

Note: Championship game will be played Aug. 16.

Bus Trip Planned To Salem, Mass.

The Rutland Recreation Department will sponsor a bus trip to historic Salem, Mass., Sept. 4.

Registration for city residents will begin Monday, Aug. 5 at 9 a.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 9 a.m. for non-residents. The fee of \$48 person (\$54 for non-residents) is payable at the time of registration.

The price includes tours of The House of Seven Gables, Pioneer Village, Peabody Essex Museum, a one-hour narrated tour depicting the historic and witchcraft hysteria aboard the Salem Trolley and lunch at the 99 Restaurant in Salem.

The Vermont Transit bus will leave the Godnick Center at 7 a.m. and return at about 10:30 p.m. For more information, call 773-1853.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Farmers' Market

Brandon, Fresh vegetables, plants, baked goods, jams, maple syrup, crafts, central park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Flea Market

Rutland, Rutland Recreation and Parks Department hold flea market, Godnick Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine.

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Mountain Thresh and Shred 8, Ride 15
Men's C: Renegades 23, Club Rio 1
Women's A: Wayne's Body Shop 11, Tapas 0
Women's B: Cripple Creek vs. Hogge Penny Inn, no score
Women's B: Ryan, Smith and Carbine 22, Green Mountain Peddlers 12
Men's A: Parker's Auto/Goodrich, 9, Phil's Discount 5
Men's B: The Nailers vs. Center Street Saloon, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's C: Two Sheas vs. Tyler's Team, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's D: Albani 15, Ranch Suggers 4

Rutland County Jr. League
Post 31 10, Mill River 3. Winning pitcher: Chris Grivas. Hitting stars: Pat Hackett, Joel Brown.
Mill River 21, Rutland Rotary South 6. Winning pitcher: Scott Walker Jr.
Fair Haven 18, Pittsford 5. Winning pitcher: Steven Murphy. Hitting star: Team effort.
Arlington 8, Castleton 5 — Winning pitcher: Matt Coudry. Hitting stars: Scott Sheldon and Jason Wood.
Manchester 12, Rutland Town 3 — Winning pitcher: Robert Galotti. Hitting stars: Travis Frost and Andrew Zoufaly.

Rutland City Midway League
K of C 15, Eka 5 — Team effort.
Town and Country Little League
Town Giants 16, Barstow Red Sox 1. Winning pitcher: Matt Lewis. Hitting stars: Brandon Hult, Sam Conway.

Proctor Youth League
Red Sox 6, A's 5. Winning pitcher: Brett Regimbold. Hitting stars: team effort.

Thursday's Events

Legion Baseball

Rutland at Fair Haven, 6 p.m.
Bellevue Falls at Hartford, 6 p.m.
Walpole at Chester, 6 p.m.
So. Royallon at Lebanon, 6 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball

Women's A: Two Sheas vs. Magoo's, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Green Mt. Peddlers vs. CVPS/Fabrics, NE, 6:30 p.m.
Men's A: Johnson Energy/Sabby's vs. Farrell's Bud Light, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Uncle Sam's vs. GE Yellow Jackets, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's C/Feds vs. CVPS Red Club, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's D: Magoo's vs. Pizza Delight, MF, 8:30 p.m.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Band Concert

Rutland, Cool Shade of Blue performs big band music, Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m., Learn Country Dancing

Today

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Wind that Shakes the Barley performs in Center Street Alley, noon-1 p.m.

Tomorrow

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Folk Stars Perform In Center St. Alley

Two of the nation's rising folk stars will perform in this month's Folk Alley Thursday concert July 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Downtown Rutland's Center Street Alley.

Presented by Long Trail Brewing Co., this free concert features the smart folk-pop of Barbara Kessler, Prairie Home Companion regular Scott Alarik and Greg Greenway, a one-man tour de force from Virginia.

Kessler is the 1995 winner of a Boston Music Award who was also named National Academy of Songwriter's Female Acoustic Artist of the Year. Steeped in the warm traditions of folk, she delicately weaves a forceful spell with just a guitar and a remarkable voice.

Known for his earthy, natural ballads, Alarik is a folk singer endowed with the wonderful natural ability to stand up in front of a crowd and take everyone into his confidence with his warm voice and gifts as a humorist.

Greenway is a rabble-raising, roof-raising singer-songwriter from the south, who is known for his sweeping anthems that connect the political to the personal with a passion that is hard to ignore.

Adult Skating

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering an adult coed in-line skating program Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Zero Gravity Skate Park at the Giorgetti Rink from July 23-Aug 27.

Dave Goodspeed will be instructing the combination introductory and/or advanced course. The course is presented in a non-competitive, fun framework with special emphasis on how to use in-line skating for fun and fitness. The fee is \$45 for residents and \$52 for non-residents. Registration is ongoing at the recreation center on East Center St.

French Conversation Group

Rutland, Meets 6:30 p.m. Season's Circle Coffee House, 24 Wales St., newcomers welcome.

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignoe, 773-9656, new players welcome.

Rutland rec center
Women's A: Mintzer Brothers vs. Magoo's, MF, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Hogge Penny Inn vs. CVPS/Fabrics, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's A: Parker's Auto/Goodrich vs. Carey's Auto, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's B: Reds vs. Center Street Saloon, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Two Sheas vs. Feds, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: Albani vs. American Legion, Gio 6:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Fair Haven 11, Poutney 4 (Saturday afternoon).
Winning Pitcher: Billy Carfield. Hitting Stars: Ryan Murphy, Stephen Murphy and Bo Burney.
Mill River 12, Rutland Town 7 — Winning pitcher: Nick DePaulis.
Manchester 7, Arlington 4 — Winning pitcher: Andrew Zoufaly. Hitting stars: Ricky Daley and Travis Frost.

Rutland County Sr. League
VFW Post 648 & Rutland 1201 4 — Winning pitcher: Garrett Griffin. Hitting stars: Matt Ruby, Jake Eaton and Matt Soos.

In-Line Camp

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring an In-Line Advanced Extreme Level 2 camp at Zero Gravity Skate Park from July 22-26. The program is for students in grades 7-12 and runs from 9 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$50 for residents and \$57 for non-residents. The camp will be instructed by Dave Goodspeed and registration is at the Dana Recreation Center.

Rutland City Midway League
IAFF 2 K of C 1. Pitching stars: Craig Barbagallo, Nate Graham. Hitting star: Graham.
Rutland County Sr. League
Local 1201 5, West Rutland 1 — Winning pitcher: Matt Shortle. Hitting star: Shortle.

Monday's Games

N.Y.-Penn League Baseball
Williamsport at Vermont
Legion Baseball
Bellevue Falls at Windsor, 6 p.m.
Chester at Hartford, 6 p.m.
Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Two Sheas vs. Tapas, MS
Women's B: Cripple Creek vs. Cotrup Builders, JFC
Men's A: Dart Mini Mart vs. Phil's Discount, GIO
Men's B: The Nailers vs. 30's, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Two Sheas vs. Club Rio, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's D: Cripple Creek vs. Ranch Suggers, MS, 9:15 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Two Sheas vs. Tapas, p.p.d.
Women's B: Cripple Creek vs. Cotrup Builders, p.p.d.
Men's A: Dart Mini Mart vs. Phil's Discount, p.p.d.
Men's B: The Nailers vs. 30's, MS, p.p.d.
Men's C: Two Sheas vs. Club Rio, MS, p.p.d.
Men's D: Cripple Creek vs. Ranch Suggers, p.p.d.

Tuesday's Events

American Legion Baseball
South Greens Falls at Fair Haven, 6 p.m.
Bellevue Falls at Windsor, 6 p.m.
Hartford at Chester, 6 p.m.
Bennington at Brattleboro, 6 p.m.
New York-Penn League Baseball
Williamsport at Vermont, 7:05 p.m.
Rutland City Adult Softball
Women's A: Bud Light vs. Jilly, MF
Women's B: Wayne's Body Shop vs. MacLeod's, MN
Men's B: Jillys vs. CVPS/Fabrics, JFC
Men's A: Parker's Auto/Sabby's vs. Farrell's Bud Light, GIO
Men's B: Mr. C's vs. GE Yellow Jackets, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Bagin Country vs. C's No. 2, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's D: Magoo's vs. Buccaniers, MS, 9:15 p.m.

Noon Concert

Rutland, Rick Redington performs in Center Street Alley, noon-1 p.m.

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Recital

Rutland, Grace Congregational Church present a student showcase recital featuring 12 area high school students, in the sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

Folk Concert

Rutland, Folk concert featuring national recording artists Barbara Kessler, Scott Alarik and Greg Greenway, hosted by James Mee, Center Street Alley, downtown, 7-9 p.m., free admission, rain location, Asa Bloomer State Office Building.

Kessler, Greenway Perform in Alley

Barbara Kessler and Greg Greenway will perform Thursday, July 18, at the Fold Alley Thursday Night Concert Series in Center Street Alley.

A Long Island native, Kessler discovered the Boston music scene in the late 80s while summering on Cape Cod. In 1995 she garnered several awards including the National Academy of Songwriters "Artist of the Year," Kerrville Folk Festival's "New Folk" award, and The Boston Music Award's "Outstanding Debut Acoustic Album" for her first album "Stranger To This Land."

In 1995, Greenway's first national release, "Singing For The Landlord," was voted the top five for album of the year on the Internet Folk DJ List and sent him touring from coast to coast leaving a trail of accolades and excitement.

Rutland City Adult Softball
Women's A: Bud Light vs. Jillys, 9 p.m.
Women's B: Wayne's Body Shop vs. MacLeods, 9 p.m.
Women's C: Jillys vs. CVPS/Fabrics, 9 p.m.
Men's A: Parker's Auto/Sab's vs. Farrell's Bud Light, 9 p.m.
Men's B: Mr. C's vs. GE Yellow Jackets, 9 p.m.
Men's C: Bragan Country vs. C's No. 2, 9 p.m.
Men's D: Magoo's vs. Buccaners, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Events

Legion Baseball
Rutland vs. Chester at Ludlow, 7:30 p.m.
Glens Falls at Fair Haven, 8 p.m.
Bellows Falls at Brattleboro, 7:30 p.m.
Bangs at Montpelier
Hartford at Windsor

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Metzger Brothers vs. BRP/The Inn, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Ryan, Smith & Carbine vs. Hogge Penny Inn, 7:30 p.m.
Men's A: Carey's Auto vs. Keith's II, 8:30 p.m.
Men's B: Reos vs. Jillys, 8:30 p.m.
Men's C: C's vs. Reregades, 8:30 p.m.
Men's D: American Legion vs. VAC, 9:15 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: C's 20, Magoo's 9
Women's B: Club Rio 4, Green Min. Pedders 2
Women's C: CVPS/Fabian 7, Jillys 0 (forfeit)
Men's A: KC's 19, Johnson Energy 6
Men's B: Uncle Sam's 9, Lindholm's 6
Men's C: Red's 7, The Nalors 3

Friday's Events

Legion Baseball
Hartford at Bellows Falls, 8 p.m.
Chester at Brattleboro, 8 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Tapa's vs. BRP/The Inn, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Hogge Penny vs. WJUR, 7:30 p.m.
Men's B: Mtn. Thresh & Shred vs. Center Street, 8:30 p.m.
Men's C: Feds vs. Tyler's Team, 8:45 p.m.
Men's D: Cripple Creek vs. Ranch Suggers, 9 p.m.

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Midget League Standings

Rutland Midget League Base Standings
As of July 18
IAFF 14-2
K&L 13-3
Rutland Fuel 11-4
Eagles 8-6
Edson Riders 9-7
Suburban Propane 6-7
Eks 6-7
Kwaki 4-10
Rotary South 4-10
First Vermont Bank 3-13
Moose 1-10

Today

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market

Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Middlebury, Food, flowers, vegetables and more, by the falls, Marbleworks Shopping District, 9 a.m.-noon; Londonderry, West River farmers market, Routes 11 and 100, in the park, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Elderly Housing Project Is Eyed

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

City officials and advocates for the elderly are considering a plan to convert the closed Lincoln School into housing for middle-income senior citizens.

The idea is the brainchild of Alderwoman Wendy L. Wilton, who lives in the Lincoln School neighborhood and who convened a meeting on the subject Wednesday afternoon.

"I've seen the building vacant for a long time," Wilton said in an interview. "This could be a use that is complementary to the neighborhood."

In fact, she added, it might be the only use that most neighbors would not object to, judging from her informal conversations with residents.

Wilton stressed that the idea was in its formative stages, and not yet a formal proposal.

But attendees at Wednesday's meeting quickly seized on the idea as a way to serve a community whose housing needs are not being met.

"It's got potential if you can put the pieces together," said Barbara Hanson, community relations director for the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging.

She and Christa Aleshire, another SVCA worker, and Nancy Gordon of the Rutland Community Land Trust promised their help in the venture.

Gordon noted that most publicly financed senior citizen housing projects in this area serve only the low-income sector — people with \$15,000 or less a year.

"If you have retirement funds other than Social Security, it kind of knocks you out (of eligibility)," Gordon said.

Hanson said the project should be sure to let senior citizens "age in place" by providing needs such as walking bars or attendant buzzers.

She also advocated programs that would challenge an increasingly well-educated and intellectually demanding senior population. The goal would be to make sure residents can stay in the facility as far into their later years as possible.

"We want to give them the chance to explore parts of themselves they may not have explored before," she said.

And participants also highlighted the possibility of injecting a "multi-generational" element into the project.

Because a newer part of the Lincoln School is structurally separated from the main building, it would easily host programs such as child care that could tap into seniors' skills.

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Thursday's Events

Legion Baseball
Bennington at Rutland, cancelled
Fair Haven at Addison, 8 p.m.
Hartford at Chester, 8 p.m.

New York-Penn League Baseball
Hudson Valley at Vermont, 7:55 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: C's vs. Magoo's, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Green Min. Pedders vs. Club Rio, 7:30 p.m.
Women's C: CVPS/Fabian's vs. KC's, 8:30 p.m.
Men's A: Johnson Energy vs. KC's, 9 p.m.
Men's B: Lindholm's vs. Uncle Sam's, 9:15 p.m.
Men's C: Nalor's vs. Red's, 9:30 p.m.
Men's D: Phillips & Sons vs. CVPS Rec Club, 9:45 p.m.
Men's E: Abank vs. Pizza Delight, 9:55 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League
Edson Riders 7, First Vermont 5. Winning pitcher: Ken LaBate. Josh Hubbard: save. Hitting star: Brad Basso.
Eagles 17, Rotary South 16. Winning pitcher: Ricky Clayton. Hitting star: Josh Coburn, game-winning RBI.

Rutland County Junior League
Arlington 18, Proctor 5. Winning pitcher: Nate Bachchock. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Sr. League
Mill River 12, Manchester 6 — Winning pitcher: Matt Eastlinger. Hitting stars: Eastlinger (4-for-4), George Peterson and Justin Pile.

Rutland County Jr. League
Ludlow 16, Postroy 5 — Winning pitcher: Jason Marino. Hitting star: Jason Priestner.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Downtown Farmers Market

Rutland, Food, flowers, crafts and more, plaza parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Noon Concert

Rutland, Lisa McCormack performs in Center Street Alley, noon-1 p.m.



Street Talk

By Alan J. Keays

Q.

"Should there be restrictions on teenagers in the downtown?"



A. "Maybe at certain times of the night because all kids should be at home at a certain hour of the night."
Gayl Sanderson
Castleton



A. "Definitely, because of the way they behave behind the Center Street Alley. They're on roller blades and skateboards and they have no consideration for other people... Where are their parents?"
Chris Howard
Rutland

Organizations

Senior Council

There will not be a senior council meeting Sept. 10 due to the primary, which will take place at the Senior Center. Send money for the Sept. 24 catered supper to Mary Riordan, 64 Washington St., Rutland.

Wrestling Class

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is providing a Wrestling class for youths in grades 1-4 in two sessions at Northwest School on Saturdays from Sept. 21 through Oct. 26. Session two starts Nov. 2 and runs through Dec. 14. Registration for the class is at the Dana Recreation Center on East Center Street in Rutland.



A. "I think it's good to have a cop patrolling downtown from 8 to 2 in the morning to stop vandalism and littering, but I don't think there should be any other restrictions."
T.J. Phillips
Rutland



A. "Obviously because I'm a teenager I would say no. I think they should be watching more for people who are doing things wrong."
Caleb Edgerton
Rutland



A. "I think there should be no restrictions. We don't have anywhere else to go. We're just hanging out and having fun."
Brianna Austin
Rutland

Art Classes Start Soon in Rutland

The Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts and the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department are offering 25 studio art classes.

For the very young, classes include four hands-on programs designed for preschool artists and an accompanying adult. The first of these programs, "Mother Nature's Cupboard," begins Saturday, Sept. 14. Space is still available.

Children ages 6 to 9 can sharpen their artistic skills in "Basic Drawing," "Intro to Collage" and "Around the World in Art and Stories," a program that combines carving and mixed media projects with international tales.

Older children can take "Intermediate Drawing," "Painting With Watercolor Crayons," two classes in new clay techniques and the Young Artists Studio program, which helps students develop college admission portfolios.

For students ages 15 to adult, there are a number of choices: "Watercolor for Novice and Intermediate Artists," "Oil Painting," "Hand-Built Pottery," "Beginning Black and White Photography," "Holiday Treasures," "Life Drawing," "Beading of the Plains Indians," "Speed Sketching," "Shibori II" and "Relief Printmaking."

There are two discussion groups: one about Ogala Lakota culture and one a peer feedback workshop for all artists.

Registration is ongoing. Stop by the Chaffee, 16 So. Main St., noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, or 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday (closed Tuesday) to sign up for the classes. Most classes are held at the Dana Recreation Center. For more information call 775-0356.

Bus Trip Available To 'Hello Dolly'

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Center is sponsoring a bus trip to see "Hello Dolly," starring Carol Channing, at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady, N.Y., Thursday, Nov. 7. Registration begins Monday,

Sept. 16, for city residents and Tuesday, Sept. 17, for non-residents at 9 a.m.

The fee of \$48 per person (non-residents add \$6) is payable at the time of registration. The price includes transportation and a ticket to "Hello Dolly" at Proctor's Theatre. Lunch will be on your own at Red Lobster in Schenectady.

The Vermont Transit bus will leave the Godnick Center at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 7 p.m. For more information, call the center at 773-1853.

Some Potholes To Be Filled

Attention please, Mayor Wennberg and supervisor of public works:

I would like to call your attention to a couple of large holes on East Center Street on the left side of Governor Page Condominiums and the corner of East Center Street and South Main Street right by Veller's real estate office building. Would you have the city workers fill in these large holes before the snow flies.

Another thing that should be done is that many of the park benches by the grandstand are in need of repair and paint and new boards. Would you please see that this is done. Let's keep Rutland more beautiful.

W.T. MELEN
Rutland

Totnastic Classes Set to Begin Soon

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is providing a Totnastics class for youths in two sessions at Northwest School on Saturdays, Sept. 21 until Oct. 26. Session 2 starts Nov. 2 and runs Saturdays until Dec. 14.

Register at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

A \$5 discount will be given to those who register before Oct. 25 for Session 2.

Funtabulous Circus At Dana Saturday

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department and the Rutland Free Library are co-sponsoring a performance by Jeddle's Funtabulous Magic Circus at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2 to 3 p.m.

Jeddle's Funtabulous Magic Circus is a blend of illusions, comedy, magic, slapstick, silliness, and heart-pounding original music with audience participation.

This performance is free and open to the public.

Rec Department Offers Gymnastics

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is providing a Gymnastics class for youths in two sessions at Northwest School on Saturdays, Sept. 21 until Oct. 26. Session 2 starts Nov. 2 and runs Saturdays until Dec. 14.

There are three sections. Section A is for 5- to 7-year-olds and is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Section B is also for 5- to 7-year-olds and is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Section C is for 8- to 12-year-olds and runs from

Parade Returning To Familiar Route

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is gearing up for the 37th Annual Halloween Parade to be held Thursday, Oct. 31. Back by popular demand is the more traditional route.

Floats and marching units will line up on Madison Street, Prospect Street and Pleasant Street. This year the route will start at the corner of Madison Street and Strongs Avenue.

The route will go north on Strongs Avenue, go right on Wales Street, cross Center Street, take a left onto West Street, take a left onto Merchants Row and hopefully end in the Plaza provided the parking lot is done.

As always, the parade will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. This year the prize and awards ceremony will be held in the Center Street Alley immediately after the parade.

We are always looking to add more floats or marching units. We encourage civic organizations, service clubs, businesses, and anyone who would like to be in the parade to contact us so that we can send you an entry form.

This is one of the great annual events in Rutland and there is no charge to be in the parade.

For more information call the Recreation Department at 773-1822 or stop by. We are located at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Sign Up Now For Halloween Parade

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A more traditional route, starting at the corner of Madison Street and Strongs Avenue has been established. The parade will continue down Strongs Avenue to Wales Street, turn left onto West Street and then left onto Merchants Row, ending in the plaza, if the parking lot is done.

Anyone wishing to enter a float, group of marchers, school or organization in the parade is asked to contact the recreation office at 773-1822, to be assigned a spot in the line-up.

Trophies will be awarded for float entries in the following categories: "Most Creative," "Most Original" and "Best in Show." Special trophy awards will be given to the "Best Costumed Marching Unit" and "Best Costumed Marching Band." There will be runner-up trophies in each division.

At the conclusion of the parade everyone is invited to Center Street Alley for the unmasking of O'Lantern, and awarding of trophies and prizes in the O'Lantern contest. The winner must be present at the drawing in the O'Lantern contest.

Following the festivities in the alley, the Loyal Order of Moose Club 1122, 78 Center St., will host their "Youth Honor Day Party" with balloons, prizes and refreshments.

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'Kids and Cookies' At Godnick Center

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering a "Kids and Cookies" program for youths in grades 4-6 at the Godnick Adult Center with Debra Tobin in two sessions.

Session One starts Oct. 9 and runs Wednesdays until Oct. 23. Session Two starts Nov. 6 and runs Wednesdays until Nov. 20.

Register for the program at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St. At \$5 discount will be given to those who register before Oct. 30 for Session Two.

Register Now For Aerobics

Beginning Oct. 8, the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department will offer an 11-week fall adult Aerobics Program at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

The program will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the gym from 6 to 7 p.m. through Dec. 19. (No classes will be held Oct. 31 and Nov. 28).

The class is suitable for beginners through advanced, with modification for each level. Classes will consist of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down.

Classes will be taught by Susan Classen of Mount Holly. Participants need to bring a mat or towel, and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing. The cost of the program is \$40 for Rutland City residents and \$47 for non-residents. Registration is on-going at the Dana Recreation Office. If you register by 5 p.m. Oct. 4, a \$5 discount will be applied.

Art in the Park This Weekend

More than 115 juried fine artists, craftspeople and specialty food producers will be represented at the Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts 35th Annual Art in the Park Fall Foliage Festival Oct. 12 and 13 in Rutland's Main Street Park and in the Rutland Armory. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is by donation, and all who donate will be eligible for prize drawings held throughout each day.

All types of handicrafts and fine art will be on exhibit and available for purchase at the festival. The visual arts are represented by a selection of oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, sculpture and photographs.

A full array of crafts will be featured, including baskets, hand-painted silk scarves, tie-dyed clothing, pottery, stained glass, wooden toys and furniture, and much more.

Demonstrations of works in progress will be held throughout the weekend and will feature wood-carving demonstrations by wildlife artist Horst Gebauer. Specialty food producers will also be on hand.

Rounding out the festival are mu-

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

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Rutland Historical Society

Police Keep Closer Eye on Downtown

By **FREDERICK BEVER**
Herald Staff

There will soon be a new cop on the beat, assigned to reign in youthful excesses that cross the line into vandalism or harassment.

Police Chief Robert R. Holmes announced Tuesday that for the next month, downtown streets will be patrolled by a police officer on bicycle or on foot between the hours of 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.

The job, Holmes said, will not be to crack down or to coddle, but simply to make sure the district's growing popularity among young people does not lead to unpopularity among the older set.

"This should serve as a catalyst between the merchants and the young people that bother them," Holmes said. "We don't want to run them out of downtown; we want them to behave themselves."

Merchants hailed the move as a

much-needed remedy to an increasingly frustrating situation.

In the last two months, trees, flower pots, signs, shop windows and even pedestrians have seen their share of abuse, apparently at the hands of youthful miscreants.

Kevin Lefter, owner of the Coffee Exchange, said the announcement came none too soon.

"It'll be an asset," Lefter said. "Ninety-eight percent of the kids that

come here are great and I'm happy to have them. But the few are ruining it for all of them, and sometimes all it takes is letting them know there's a person in authority around."

A group of teenagers who perched on top of a fountain in the Center Street Alley on Tuesday evening said they had no immediate objections to the move. They worried, however, that police might try to limit their activities for no good reason.

"As long as they are not down here kicking people out at unreasonable times for just being here, then it sounds like a good idea," said Louis Ciaramada, a 17-year-old from the Brandon area.

"I think they just want to know that we're not the ones making trouble," he continued. "If we can clear that up, it'd be great."

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Staff Photo by Vyto Starinskas

Underpass Construction

A huge ditch crosses the Killington Access Road between the Snowshed and Rams Head lodges where a construction crew is building an underpass. Previously, skiers had to cross the busy road to get to the other slope. The underpass is part of the improvements at Killington, including five new lifts, expanded snowmaking and a children's snow park.

City Seeks To Restrict Additions To Union

By **FREDERICK BEVER**
Herald Staff

The city wants control over just who can wear the union label.

In a filing with the state Labor Relations Board, a city lawyer has asked for the exclusion of eight workers who petitioned last month to join the union that represents Department of Public Works employees.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees has asked the state board to hold an election among 19 workers in city hall to see if they want to join the union.

The city lawyer, Anthony P. DiRocco, asked that the workers who do join AFSCME Local 1201 form a bargaining unit separate from the one that represents DPW workers. That unit would be called the City of Rutland Clerical and Secretarial Employees.

An AFSCME official said Tuesday all 19 employees should be allowed to join the DPW bargaining unit.

"I think that (the workers) share a sufficient community of interest that the board will find the existing unit is appropriate," said George Lovell, coordinator for AFSCME Council 93. "We'll just have to work it out through the process."

City attorney Christopher Sullivan said the eight workers the city wants kept out of the union were either in supervisory positions or had access to confidential information that would make membership inappropriate.

He explained that labor laws exempt workers who might have divided loyalties.

"It would make it difficult for the employee, as well as management, because of the problems that arise when (the workers) have knowledge of information (that could affect contract negotiations)," Sullivan said.

The city asked that workers such as Jean Mattsson — Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg's administrative assistant — and Health Officer Pamela Petrie be excluded from the union.

Noting that when DPW Commissioner Warren Conner is absent, assistant engineer Allen Shelvey takes over, the city argued that Shelvey should be excluded because of his supervisory work.

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Downtown

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The alley has become a flashpoint for the situation. Merchants say they have observed drinking and marijuana smoking there, and the place is often trash-strewn.

"We hope to get a little more voluntary compliance on their part," Holmes said. "If they can keep the damn thing clean, and we're not going to allow smoking dope and drinking beer in there."

The new patrol officer will be working for overtime pay. Holmes said his department is currently understaffed, forcing a \$4,000 expenditure to cover the new program.

The funding may be split between a federal police grant, the Rutland Partnership and impact fees to be paid to the city by Damian Zambas, developer of the diamond Run Mall.

The Partnership's board has yet to vote on the matter, however. And the Board of Aldermen will have final say over the Zambas funds.

Partnership manager Richard J. Courcelle said his group had to determine whether the program represented a service over and above the regular police coverage any taxpayer should expect.

Holmes said he would love to be able to provide such coverage throughout the city, but that as it stands, the downtown effort certainly qualified as a special effort the rest of the community was not enjoying.

He added that he hoped he would be able to extend the program beyond September, once his department is back to its full complement.

"This probably should have been started a month or two ago," Holmes said. "I'd like for it to run clear through to Christmas."

Adult Hoop 10/17

There will be an organizational meeting for all team managers and anyone interested in entering a team in the 1996-97 men's basketball league. The meeting will take place on Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. in Room 3 of the Dana Recreation Center. Questions may be directed to 773-1822.

Youth Hoop

There will be an organizational meeting for all 5th- and 6th-grade team basketball coaches, and anyone interested in coaching during the Rutland Recreation Department-sponsored 1996-97 season on Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center. The meeting will be held in Room 3. Questions may be directed to 773-1822.

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Totnastics 10/15

The Rutland Recreation & Parks Department is offering a second session of Totnastics and Gymnastics. These courses will be on Nov. 2.

Those signing up before Oct. 25 will receive a \$5 discount. Registration is taking place at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center Street.

Jack O'Lantern

Jack O'Lantern will be unveiled at Center Street Alley Park after the Halloween Parade on Oct. 31. Here is the next clue:

Mocking the media, the cameras and crew,

Taping commercials and telling what's new.

Jack O'Lantern

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A thesbian at heart, the stage is his second home;

But around movie lots, he has been known to roam.

Jack O'Lantern

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By day he runs the local television station.

By night with his acting he's a regional sensation.

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Jack O'Lantern 10/21

Jack O'Lantern will be unveiled at Center Street Alley Park after the Halloween Parade Oct. 31. Here is the next clue:

Remember that smooth calming voice on WJRR now can be seen "live" from near and afar.

Senior Citizens 10/21

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will meet Tuesday, Oct. 22, after a bag lunch at 5 p.m. at the Rutland Senior Center. A social will follow the meeting.



Staff Photo by David Jenne

Pumpkin Princess

Rutland's newest Pumpkin Princess is Rebecca Pratico from MSJ. Rebecca was chosen from a group of girls representing all area high schools. In addition to leading this year's Halloween Parade, Pratico received a gift certificate for a dinner for two and a \$50 savings bond. Standing (left to right) with the new princess are nominees Erin Ward, Proctor; Melissa Standley, West Rutland; Trisha DeLong, Mill River; Shannon Brown, Otter Valley; and Abra Langer, Rutland.



Hand and Hand Puppets

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department and the Rutland Free Library are co-sponsoring a performance by Janie Jacobs, Susan Rule, and their Hand and Hand Puppet Theatre at the Rutland Free Library Saturday, Oct. 19, from 2 to 3 p.m. Jacobs and Rule combine their talents as performers and their experience as teachers into a program of total audience involvement. Jacob's puppets and Rule's guitar are a sure guarantee for an hour of fun, adventure and lots of singing. The performance is open to the public.



Rutland Halloween Parade Route and Events

The Rutland Recreation Department will be hosting its "37th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE" on Thursday, October 3, beginning at 6:30 PM. A more traditional route, starting at the corner of Madison St. / Strongs Avenue has been established. The parade will continue down Strongs Ave. to Wales St, left onto West St. and left onto Merchants Row, hopefully ending in the Plaza, provided the parking lot is done. Anyone wishing to enter a float, group of marchers, school, or organization in the Parade is asked to contact the Recreation office at 773-1822, and you will be assigned a spot in our line-up. Trophies will be awarded for float entries in the following categories: "Most Creative," "Most Original" and "Best in Show." Special trophies will be awarded to the "Best Costumed Marching Unit" and "Best Costumed Marching Band". There will be Runner-up trophies in each division.

At the conclusion of the parade, you are invited to join us in Center St. Alley for the unmasking of O'Lantern, and awarding trophies and prizes in the O'Lantern contest.

Winner must be present at drawing in the O'Lantern contest. Following the festivities in the Alley, the Loyal Order of Moose Club #1122 at 78 Center St. will host their "Youth Honor Day Party" ...with balloons, prizes and refreshments.

10-29 Holiday Craft Bazaar

The Godnick Adult Center's annual holiday craft bazaar will take place Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables are still available. Fee for an eight-foot table is \$7. To reserve stop by the Godnick Center's office on Deer Street. For more information, call 773-1853. (Note: This is a craft bazaar, not a flea market.) Also, baked goods, crafts, Christmas ornaments, tree ornaments, ceramics, stuffed animals, jewelry and much more will be on sale at the bazaar.

Halloween Luncheon 10/28

The annual Godnick Center Halloween Luncheon will take place Friday, Nov. 1 at noon. The menu (catered by Fitz, Vogt and Associates), consists of roast pork with mashed potatoes, broccoli spears, rolls, punch and oreo delight. There will be a costume contest for those who enjoy dressing up for Halloween. The fee of \$5 per person is payable at time of registration. Please register by Wednesday, Oct. 30. For information call 773-1853.

Celebrating Halloween

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the Halloween theme and win the Superintendent's Trophy for Most Original, the Mayor's Trophy for Best in Show, the Department's Trophy for Most Creative, or one of the special Trophy awards for Best Costumed Marching Band or Best Costumed Marching Unit (runner-up trophies are awarded in each division.)

The parade is presided over by the Pumpkin Queen and the mysterious Jack-O-Lantern. Each year a well-known figure is chosen as Jack-O-Lantern and a contest for school children is held where they guess the identity and submit their selection for drawings for prizes. The contest is co-sponsored this year by the *Rutland Herald* and WJIR 98.1. All the prizes are donated; first prize is a Learn to Ski package from the Killington Ski Resort, second prize a CD personal player from the Rutland Recreational Department, third prize a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond from the Chittenden Bank, and fourth prize a surprise from Ames Department Store. Royal's 121 Hearthside restaurant is donating dinner for two to the Pumpkin Queen.

This 37th annual Halloween parade will be returning by popular demand to its traditional route and will step off at 6:30 p.m. at the corner of Madison Street and Strong's Avenue. The route through and around the downtown will allow the largest possible number of spectators to have a good view of the parade before it reaches the Plaza on Merchants Row. The prizes and awards ceremony will be held immediately following in Center Street Alley, and then children are invited to attend the annual party hosted by the Loyal Order of the Moose.

Costumed participants in the parade are greeted by costumed spectators as everyone loves to dress up and be someone else for a short time. Not only do adults participate in the parade, but they host parties, dress up for work (many businesses encourage their employees to come to work the day of Halloween in costume), go in costume to a restaurant for dinner that night (some restaurants and bars hold Halloween parties and suggest that patrons come in costume, some even having costume contests).

This interest in costumes has made Halloween the busiest season of the year for shops like Costumes Galore. Customers can find costumes turning them into beauties or beasts; owner Paula McLaughlin observed that most females look for costumes which will make them look good (harem girl, or Southern belle, for instance) while males look for the evil or ghoulish (ogres, Dracula, and gangster). Most of her business is in rentals to adults, and she also stocks a wide selection of masks, hats, wigs (many of these can be rented), make-up and accessories. She can help a customer create a

costume with as little as a saber and a mask, or a cape, axe and hairy hands. Or, a conehead can transform street clothes into a weird character. The newest characters this year are aliens but so far they aren't as popular as old favorites like pirates, Dracula, and witches. Kings queens, court jesters and clowns are popular too. Businesses often call for rental of costumes for their employees for the day, some times asking for costumes around a particular theme (one for instance asked for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs).

Costumes Galore also rents packages of costumes for parties; a host can request a certain number of costumes and accessories (choosing a theme if they desire) and McLaughlin will assemble the outfits including make-up and accessories. This idea has been catching on and more people are scheduling costume parties from early in October. She assembled a package for 60 guests, for instance, for a party held at the Equinox Hotel in Manchester.

The Party Store also has a huge selection of costumes and everything else needed to celebrate Halloween, giving over most of the main floor to Halloween. Here one can find shelves of masks from ghoulish to political (not only Clinton, Dole and Gingrich but also Kennedy, Nixon, and Bush), wigs, make-up, hats, and accessories. This shop has costumes for children as well as for adults and includes the old favorites of clown, cowboy, fireman and princess as well as Pocahontas, Batman and Flintstone characters, and the Ninja Turtles.

There is also a wall full of indoor and outdoor decorations, displays of paper goods for parties, cake and candy molds. Decorations—skeltons, ghosts, plastic Jack-O-Lanterns, tombstones—are hung from a lattice work creating a grotto effect over the steps to the downstairs sales area. Full size decorations include ghosts, witches, and a Frankenstein balloon figure.

The all-time favorite for outdoor decorations is the Jack-O-Lantern, and although some are now big plastic bags filled with leaves, or rigid plastic ones with cut-outs, the most popular is the pumpkin. Farmers grow large size pumpkins just to satisfy that universal urge to carve out one's own Jack-O-Lantern from a pumpkin personally chosen. Pumpkins for Jack-O-Lanterns are available at farmers' markets through the month of October, at farm stands like Wood's Market Gardens in Brandon (which has an outstanding display), the Williams and Sugar Hollow farms on Route 7 (one is invited to "pick your own" at Sugar Hollow) and at Mr. Twitters Garden & Gift Emporium where there is not only a big selection of pumpkins for Jack-O-Lanterns but of other decorations appropriate for Halloween.

In This State

Kristin Bloomer



Halloween Parade Helps Some Folks Stay Afloat

By KRISTIN BLOOMER
Sunday Staff Writer

Vermont's love affair with the cow is about to take a strange, infernal twist.

On Halloween, a towering, steaming bovine on wheels — smoke spewing from both ends — will ravage the streets of Rutland City.

It's not Vermontica, the state's official dairy spokesperson. Nor is it the mutant result of too much BGH.

"It's a Trojan cow," explains Steve Halford, teacher for Rutland High School's art club, as he wheels the 12-foot figure through garage doors into the sunlight. His students, spraying finishing touches of gold paint on their papier-mache Spartan helmets, have spent weeks hammering, sawing and rigging this symbol of modern technology gone awry.

The cow is just one of many floats under construction in Rutland for the 37th Annual Halloween Parade, a collective expression of community spirit and spontaneous humor that began in 1959.

First prize is a trophy for most original entry. Halford is hopeful. This cow not only shoots smoke from all orifices, it wears a computer screen face and spouts pre-programmed phrases like "SYSTEMS SHUTDOWN," and "INVALID COMMAND," according to Aaron "A.J." Jeromin, 16, who recorded the messages.

"It's like a meltdown," says Jeromin, adding that the technological image combines the symbol of the Trojan horse, which the Spartans used to attack Troy, with the Golden Calf, the Old Testament symbol of idolatry. In this case, the Spartans are pulling the golden calf of technology into society, and the gift is ready to blow up on them.

"I don't know if people are going to get it," Halford worries. "I hate to always spell everything out."

Tomorrow

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Halloween Scares Up Profits For Business

Rutland's Annual Parade Generates Activity As Stores Answer Howls For Candy, Costumes

BY ALICE DUGAN

Rutland's popular Halloween parade continues to generate a high level of interest in the observance of Allhallows Eve by adults as well as children in the Rutland region, making Halloween second only to Christmas in sales for many retailers (first for specialty shops like the Party Store and Costumes Galore).

Sales are very good this year, merchants report. At Kmart, for instance, where several aisles in the store close by the entrance to the garden shop are given over to the Halloween inventory, a second order of candy has already been needed to restock the three shelf units originally filled, reports assistant manager Lorraine Mabel. The Halloween displays were set up in September and included a larger selection than last year of indoor and outdoor decorations, which by the first of October had been sold out down to a few items consolidated in one small shelf unit. Both sides of one aisle are full of costumes for adults and children, while other aisles hold accessories, make-up and masks.

Candy for trick-or-treaters and for parties is a big seller at Halloween at stores like Kmart, Ames, supermarkets, and pharmacies and also at specialty shops like Something Sweet in the Diamond Run Mall which adds Halloween orange and black candies to their tempting selections for the holiday. There are also gummy

skulls and crossbones, worms and bugs, black boxes and pumpkin-decorated cellophane bags, Tequila pops (with a worm in the center) and cricket licks (with a cricket in the middle) are for those looking for unusual type treats, Val Malmgren, co-owner with husband Walt, pointed out. In downtown Rutland, Temptation Station and Best Wishes have a selection of Halloween and other candy, and Best Wishes also creates Halloween theme baskets. Trolls are showing up everywhere dressed for Halloween and can be used for decorations or for gifts for children who collect them.

Shops like Marcia's Hallmark offer a variety of home decorations and paper products and this year feature the popular *Goosebumps* books accompanied by hats and accessories. Floral shops such as Hawley's Florist are displaying creative decorations and floral arrangements for the home. These are especially popular with those customers hosting Halloween parties, owner Bonnie Hawley commented.

Community participation in Rutland's Halloween parades, which is sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, has made it one of the most popular events of the year. Businesses, nonprofits, schools, service clubs, and civic organizations vie in a good natured competition to see who can devise the most imaginative float or marching unit around

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Spelling things out has never been the norm at Rutland's Halloween Parade. Sometimes, the more abstract, the better. And the city's Recreation Department, which has budgeted \$1,000 for prizes, makes sure almost everyone wins something.

But the parade is not about winning.

"It's about self-esteem," Halford said, adding that many of his students are considered "at-risk" to getting involved with drugs or dropping out of school. "I want to make them winners."

Could it be that this silly parade, which draws hundreds each year and many from around the state, is about the self-esteem of a city?

Bob vanHeiningen, vice president of human resources for the Rutland Regional Medical Center, thinks so. "It's all about community spirit," says vanHeiningen, who will ride in a horse and buggy on Thursday while dressed as a Victorian doctor. "It's one of those things that makes Rutland unique."

The uniqueness dates to 1959, when a Rutland resident and newspaperman, Tom Fagan, dressed up as Batman and organized a parade known to feature comic book characters. The parade not only drew recognition from national magazines, such as *Good Housekeeping* and *Yankee*, it drew attention from DC Comics and Marvel Comics. They sent cartoonists to Rutland to draw local people and their costumes into their strips.

In the 1970s, however, as comic book publishers' interest waned, the parade began leaning more toward iconoclastic creations than familiar super heroes. The event began to appeal more to children, yet adults remain deeply involved.

Take Rutland City Firefighter William Lovett, for example. A 34-year-old kid at heart, Lovett is in

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Parade

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charge of organizing the department's Halloween float. This year, he thought, he'd keep things simple.

"We're gonna do the movie *Independence Day*, where the spaceship comes down and blows up the White House," Lovett said. One firefighter will send a beam of light from a styrofoam spaceship down to a plywood-box White House, and two firefighters inside the box will flash red lights and blow smoke out the windows, he said.

"Hopefully we can do this every two minutes," Lovett said, adding that the White House will have an escape hatch in case of real fire. The union donated \$500 for the float, and local businesses contributed construction materials.

"We're trying to keep the budget as low as possible so we don't have to cut into the candy money," Lovett said, referring to candy the firefighters hand out as they move through the downtown.

Meanwhile, several school marching bands have been practicing their tunes in step. Elizabeth Hall,

11, a student at Barstow Memorial School in Chittenden, said she was proud to march in the band dressed as one of the trees in A.A. Milne's *One Hundred Acre Wood*, complete with branches on her head. She said she's longed to be old enough to march like her siblings.

"I thought everybody as so cool," she said.

All 315 of the students at Barstow have helped to create a Winnie the Pooh float organized by art teacher Jill Dunton. Last week, a gym-full of students and their parents painted murals and worked with chicken wire to create a birthday cake float.

"It gives kids an option," Dunton said, her hands full of paintbrushes. "Rather than running around in the night collecting candy, it lets them be a part of a larger group of people."

Police say the parade helps reduce trouble in the city on Halloween night.

"My sense is that while the parade is going on, we tend to have fewer calls," said Rutland City Police Sgt. Scott Tucker. "It gives everybody a place to go."



Photo by Albert J. Marro

Chittenden students show off their work on a float for the parade.

Gingerbread Masterpieces

Rutland, Orwell artist Karen Hescock and son teach how to design, make and decorate architectural gingerbread masterpieces.

11/15

Shontz Performs 11/18

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department and the Rutland Free Library are co-sponsoring a performance by singer/songwriter Bill Shontz at the Rutland Free Library Saturday, Nov. 23, from 2 to 3 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

ELF Workshop

Rutland, A training workshop called "Galls" will be given by VINS staff at the Dana Rec Center, 12:30 p.m., call Lynne Potter (775-1499) for details.

Monday Oct. 14, 1996

RUTLAND RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

JACK - O - LANTERN CONTEST

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Try and Guess Who The Mystery 1996
Jack-O-Lantern Is!!



For young people in Grades K - 6.

Jack-O-Lantern will be unveiled at Center St Alley Park after
the Halloween Parade on Oct. 31st.

Winners will be drawn at this time.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Clues will appear in the Rutland Herald and will be aired on WJJR 98.1
beginning the week of October 13th.

When you figure who Jack-O-Lantern is, tear off the entry form or write your
guess on a piece of paper and put it in the drop box in your Rutland City
school. Other drop sites are the Rutland Herald, 27 Wales St. or WJJR 98.1
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Deadline is Tuesday, October 29th.

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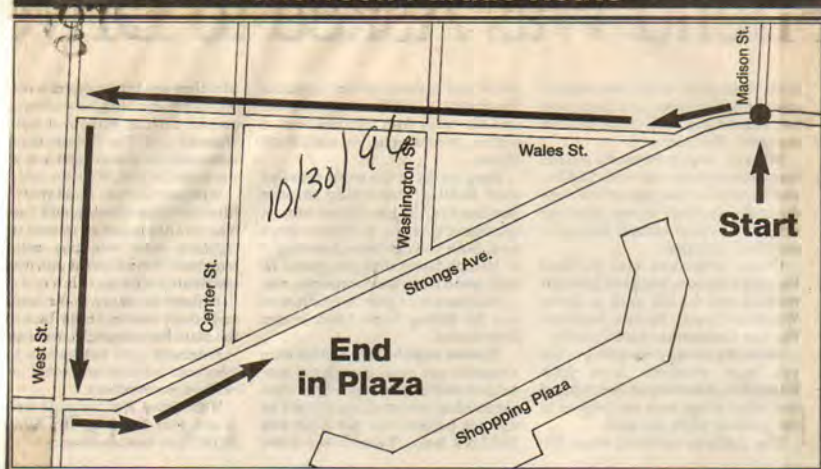
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Halloween Parade Route



Halloween Parade Thursday Night

Halloween is fast approaching. The 37th Annual Halloween Parade is shaping up to be a festive event. On Thursday, Oct. 31, at 6 p.m. beginning on the corner of Madison Street and Strong's Avenue an array of eerie creatures will begin to form for a parade through Rutland's downtown from Strong's Avenue to Wales Street, left onto West Street and left onto Merchants Row, ending in the Rutland Shopping Plaza.

The Recreation Department is asking that residents of Prospect, Pleasant and Madison streets not park on the street if possible on Halloween. The floats will be lining up on those streets at 5:30 p.m.

There will not be parade parking in the Wal-Mart side of the downtown plaza. The parade will march into that lot and buses will be parked there.

The parade will include all area high school princesses. Marching bands will represent the following schools: Rutland High School, Mill River Union High School, Otter Valley Union High School, Proctor High School and Fair Haven Union High School.

Mount St. Joseph Academy's Rebecca Pratico, the 1996 Pumpkin Princess will ride in the parade. The mysterious O'Lantern will be a participant and will be unveiled after the parade.

Familiar float entries include: Pleasant Manor, Rutland High School Art Club, Rutland Herald, Rutland City Fire Department, Rutland Regional Medical Center, RAVE, WJRR, WEQX, WEBK, Castleton Alumni, Mountain View Community School, Miss Jackie's, Pittsford Boo-Mobile and Barstow Memorial School.

Some new float entries include: Ben

and Jerry's, WWIN-TV, U.S. Forest Service, The Boo-Bash, Cottage Street Group, Greene's Auto, Central Vermont Public Service, Blazing Saddles, Headquarters Staff, Miss Vermont, Rutland Area Food Co-Op, State Line Band from Poultney, Killington Resorts, Kennel Club and The Bus.

Parade line-up begins at 5:30 p.m.; the parade at 6:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the parade, spectators are invited to Center Street Alley for the unmasking of O'Lantern, and awarding of trophies and prizes in the O'Lantern contest. The winner must be present at drawing in the O'Lantern contest.

Following the festivities in the alley, the Loyal Order of Moose Club 1122, 78 Center St., will host a "Youth Honor Day Party" with balloons, prizes and refreshments.

Snow Shoveling Help Is Available

The mayor's office, through the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department in cooperation with the Vermont Department of Corrections' Court and Reproductive Services Unit, is once again sponsoring "Project Snow Shovel."

This program is for senior adults who live in Rutland City and need to have their driveways, personal sidewalks or car cleared after a storm.

To qualify for this program, you must be physically incapable of shoveling your own snow and financially unable to afford to have snow shoveled. There will be no fee charged for

this service. The program will begin as soon as needed.

This year, except for holidays, we will be able to shovel five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday between of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Unfortunately, we are unable to remove snow on Sundays and Mondays. Due to potential demand for this service we may have to limit the number of applicants.

If you were a recipient of this service last year, you need to reapply by calling the Recreation Department to reactivate the service for this year.

Stop by the Recreation and Parks Department, Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., or call 773-1822 for information.

Sports Scan

Racquetball 11/7

Beginning Nov. 18, the Rutland Recreation & Parks Department will be offering a five-week adult racquetball class at the College of St. Joseph on Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The classes will be suitable for beginners through advanced beginners.

Racquets and protective eyewear will be available. Participants may register at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center Street. The cost of the program is \$35 for Rutland residents and \$42 for non-residents. Those registering by 5 p.m. on Nov. 12 will receive a \$5 discount.

Rutland Rec

The Rutland Recreation Department is now signing up 5th and 6th grade boys and girls who wish to participate in winter basketball. This year the league will be divided into 5th and 6th grade teams.

Players may register at any time during normal office hours at the Dana Recreation Center, with a special evening registration also scheduled for Nov. 20 from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. There is a discount for players signed up on or before Nov. 25. The registration deadline is Nov. 27. The registration fee is \$27 plus a lab fee of \$6. There is also a separate uniform deposit, which is returned at the end of the season when uniforms are returned.

Further information is available by calling 773-1822.

A 'Day of Caring' At Dana Rec Center

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, United Way of Rutland County, in conjunction with the Disney Store and Sears will host a "Day of Caring" at Dana Recreation Center in Rutland. Schools, churches, civic groups and non-profit organizations have been invited to "shop for free" for items for the upcoming holidays.

United Way of Rutland County receives merchandise from the Disney Store throughout the year and from the Sears store on a regular basis.

The groups that will be selecting merchandise hope to help children and families who fall through the cracks and may not receive anything from other holiday projects. The merchandise donated by the Disney Store and Sears includes toys, stuffed animals, books, clothing, gloves, socks and more.

Members of the Rutland High School Student Council will be responsible for sorting and displaying the merchandise with help from volunteers from Sears.



Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

The gym at the old Lawrence Recreation Center, as it was torn down last week.

Rec Center Transforming Into Offices

By BRUCE EDWARDS

Herald Staff

Thomas Martin and Gary Kupferer have their work cut out for them — giving the old Lawrence Recreation Center a new lease on life.

Martin, president of Rutland Fire and Clay, and Kupferer, a local attorney, teamed up last October to buy the three-story brick building from the city for \$76,001.

Now, the two owners are in the early stages of a massive renovation to turn the 140-year-old build-

ing at the corner of Center and Court streets into office and commercial space.

Workers from Webster Demolition Co. have been busy over the last week or so razing the large gym at the rear of the building that was built in the 1920s.

Martin said this week they were left with little choice but to tear down the gym. He said over the years water had seeped in and damaged the gym floor and roof. To restore that section of the build-

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ing would have "cost a fortune," he said.

Built in 1858, the original Federal-style building with a gabled roof was home to the Bank of Rutland. It was sold in about 1867 to John Reynolds, a local marble dealer, who remodeled the building in the French Second Empire style by adding the Mansard roof, according to "The Historic Architecture of Rutland County."

According to Martin, Grace Congregational Church acquired the building in the late 1890s and used it as a community center, with the city taking over the building in 1960.

The building continued to serve as a community and recreation center until two years ago. With the build-

ing in disrepair, the city was forced to close the center and move recreation activities elsewhere.

The city put the building up for auction last October with Martin and Kupferer submitting a winning bid of \$76,001. The only other bid (\$62,300) was made by a woman from Gorham, Maine.

Renovations to the building were delayed this spring when the new owners had to remove a 1,000-gallon fuel oil tank from the property.

Martin said efforts are now focused on taking down the gym and getting the back of the building closed in before the cold weather arrives.

He said the area once occupied by the gym will be graveled and used for

additional parking.

Extensive interior renovations, including electrical work, will be done throughout the winter and continue into the late spring, he said.

Each of the first two floors occupies about 3,000 square feet with the top floor somewhat less than that. The exterior will undergo masonry work and roof repairs.

Martin could not estimate how much the renovation would cost.

As far as its future use, he said he Kupferer had no tenants lined up at the present time.

"It lends itself to a lot of uses," Martin said. "There are just so many things you can put in there."

Shontz Performs In Rutland Nov. 23

On Saturday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. Bill Shontz will present the musical family concert "Animal Tales" in the Fox Room of the Rutland Free Library.

Shontz will be performing many songs from his award-winning album, "Animal Tales," with styles ranging from swing to rock 'n' roll. In addition, no concert would be complete without some classic RosenShontz songs and some good old fashioned sing-alongs like "This Land Is Your Land."

The Rutland Free Library is co-sponsoring the show with the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department.

Shontz, Lightyear recording artist, singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist plays the flute, saxophone, penny whistle and the wind synthesizer. He has entertained millions of children and grown-ups in the United States, Canada and Australia for more

than 20 years.

He has appeared on the "Today Show," "Live with Regis and Kathy Lee," The Disney Channel and Radio Aahs live from Disneyland. Shontz has performed at the White House, Fenway Park for the Boston Red Sox, "The Taste of Colorado" Festival in Denver and the Anson Ford Theater in Hollywood.

The performance is free of charge, impaired accessible and open to the public of all ages. For more information call 773-1822.

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tion. Stand on Merchants Row and you could shake hands with Congressman Bernard Sanders, Gov. Howard Dean and the two major party candidates for lieutenant governor, Democrat Douglas Racine and Republican John Carroll.

Pleasant Manor Nursing Home presented Merlin the magician gazing into a crystal ball.

The wizard wasn't saying who'd win Tuesday.

Local cable channel 15 broadcast the parade live for the first time — the better to see the mysterious Jack O'Lantern, unveiled to be station manager Michael Valentine.

Award winners:

Most creative — Killington, runner-up The Bus for its haunted house on wheels.

Most original: Rutland High School Art Club's "Trojan Cow," runner-up CVPS.

Best in show: Pleasant Manor, runner-up Visiting Nurse Association.

Best costumed marching unit: West Rutland School for "Tiptoe Through

the Tulips," runner-up Proctor.

Best costumed band: West Rutland, runner-up Otter Valley Union High of Brandon for "Village People."

Honorable mentions: Blazing Saddles 4-H Club, Rutland Herald.

Volleyball

The Rutland Recreation Department's Adult Volleyball League for the winter session is taking registrations. There are three divisions for men and two for women. All rosters and fees are due in Friday, Nov. 15. Interested persons can sign up at the Dana Recreation Center or call 773-1822 for further information.

ELF Workshop

Rutland, A training workshop called "Galls" will be given by VINS staff at the Dana Rec Center, 9:30 p.m., call Lynne Potter (775-1499) for details.

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignoe, 773-8656, new players welcome.



Staff Photos by David Jenne

Dressed To Thrill

Thousands Watch Parade to See Strange, Inspired, Funny Things

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

The human-sized carrot from the Rutland Area Food Co-op found the city's downtown scary this Halloween.

"I got a little nervous when I walked by the group that had horses," she said.

Not to worry. The thousands of people who watched the 37th annual Rutland Halloween Parade Thursday ensured the only thing that bit was the evening's chilly wind.

The 50-unit march offered its usual trick-or-treat bag of rolling community dioramas and rocking school bands. But the procession from Wales and West streets to Merchants Row often took a corporate detour down Madison Avenue.

Ben & Jerry's served up a company bus with more patterned paint than the Partridge Family's. Central Vermont Public Service Corp. filled a flatbed with a cardboard box village strewn with utility poles and electrical wires.

The only thing missing: "No trees to fall on the lines," company spokesman Jack Crowther said.

Killington Ski Area used its first float in memory to introduce new mascot Nivis — "a whole new animal" — and new president Allen Wilson.

"He's that snowman right there," Killington's Kathy Kennedy said.

Radio station vans were as plentiful as candy. WJJR-FM's usually Lovely Linda the Prize Lady looked more like Cruella DeVil, dogged by a litter of spotted co-workers.

One Hundred and One Dalmatians?

"Maybe half," Cruella-linda said. "Close enough."

You didn't have to go to the Movieplex to see a film downtown Thursday night. The Rutland High band dressed as "Ghostbusters," the Fair Haven Union High band as "Star Wars" warriors and the Proctor band as "Pink Panthers."

Floats included the Rutland Herald's "Twister," Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and the city fire department's "Independence Day," which featured a spaceship blowing up the White House.

That explosive display didn't frighten local and state politicians looking to scare up votes for next week's elec-

Tiptoeing tulips from West Rutland School (top) stepped out at the 37th annual Rutland Halloween Parade on Thursday. They were joined by a video-head robot (right) and feline fanciers of Miss Jackie's Studio of Dance (bottom).



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Play Group Offered At Dana Rec Gym

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, 39 East Center St., offers an ongoing play group for parents and children to socialize Monday and Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Dana Recreation Center gym.

Gym mats and toys are available, but you may bring your own. We encourage you to join this unstructured play group designed for preschoolers.

On Wednesday the play group will have a facilitator, Heather Norton from the Rutland County Parent/Child Center. Join us for networking and socializing.

There is no fee. There will be no play group Jan. 1, Feb. 12, 17 and 19.

Sign Up Now For Calls From Santa

The Rutland Recreation Department has made "special arrangements" with the telephone operators at the North Pole to transfer calls from Santa to Rutland City youths.

To receive a call from Santa, parents are asked to complete a special form at the Recreation office by Monday, Dec. 16. Santa will be making his call to the children on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Noon Hoop

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering noontime informal basketball at the College of Saint Joseph gymnasium Tuesdays through Thursdays through March 13. Gym hours are noon-1:30 p.m.

Interested parties must sign up at the Dana Recreation Center. Five-, 10- 20-day and season passes are available (for \$10, \$17.50, \$30 and \$45, respectively), while individuals dropping in on play will be charged \$4 per day. For further information, contact the recreation department at 773-1822.

Godnick Center Has Christmas Luncheon

The Rutland Recreation Department's Godnick Center will hold its annual Christmas luncheon Friday, Dec. 13, at noon.

The menu will include baked ham with pineapple rings, baked stuffed sweet potatoes, winter mix vegetables, rolls, punch, coffee, chocolate cream pie, coconut cream pie or lemon meringue pie. The cost is \$5 and due at the time of registration.

Please register Tuesday, Dec. 10. For more information, call 773-1853.

Duplicate Bridge

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Christmas Dance

Rutland, Rutland Square Dance Club holds dance, Rutland Recreation Center, 39 E. Center Street, caller Dick Leger and cuer, Carolyn West, 2-5 p.m.

Senior Citizens

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will hold its monthly meeting at the Rutland Senior Center Tuesday, Dec. 10. A pre-registered, catered supper will take place at 5 p.m.

Gymnastics

The Rutland Recreation Department will be offering children's gymnastics beginning in January. This popular program will include tumbling, stretching, uneven and parallel bars, balance beam and vaulting. The sessions will be held on Saturdays.

Session one, for children aged 5-7, will be held from Jan. 4 through Feb. 8 from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Session two, for children aged 8-12, will be held from Feb. 22 through March 29 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Children may be registered at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

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Diedre Erb Named Director at Chaffee

The Board of Directors at The Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts has recently named Diedre Erb executive director of the Rutland art center.

A native of the Rutland area, Erb's familiarity with the area and its people make her a great asset to the Chaffee. She brings years of experience in fund-raising, administration and volunteer coordination.

In addition to a new executive director, a new education director has been chosen as well. Pamela Monder began at the Chaffee in September as coordinator of educational programs.

New educational classes from

basic arts and crafts to developmental workshops for professional artists are currently advertised in a brochure put out by the Chaffee and the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department.

Director of accounts Charlene Godleski continues her tenure. Most recent to the Chaffee staff, gallery director Laurie Ross works closely with member artists, jurying of work, and set-up of exhibitions.

Change has taken place at the Chaffee not only with the addition of new staff, but with a new look, different programs and innovative family and community-oriented programs to come in 1997. The Chaffee looks forward to an extremely productive year in serving the Rutland region.

Hats Off to Longtime School Board Member

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Heard It At School

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

ending the living room sofa for a folding chair might not sound like your idea of a night on the town. Imagine what it takes to do it for years. The Vermont School Boards Association will honor several Rutland County School Board members today for their long records of service to be recognized at a conven-

tion in Fairlee include:

James Rademacher of Pittsford, nine years.

Gilbert Raynor of Currier Memorial in Danby, 11 years.

Michael Dick of Rutland, 12 years.

John Ledo of Fair Haven Union High, 17 years.

Theresa Lussier of Fair Haven Union High, 17 years.

Barbara Forest of Castleton, 18 years.

Thomas Audet of Fair Haven Union High, 20 years.

Stanley Curran of Castleton/Hubbardton, 20 years.

ALSO THIS WEEK:

● **Rutland Middle School** will hold parent-teacher conferences

Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

● **Rutland High's** Encore Theatre will present the play "The Children's Hour" by Lillian Hellman on Thursday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 4 p.m. at its Stratton Road auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

● Can you guess the winning guessers in Rutland's Jack O'Lantern guessing game? (Answer: Northwest

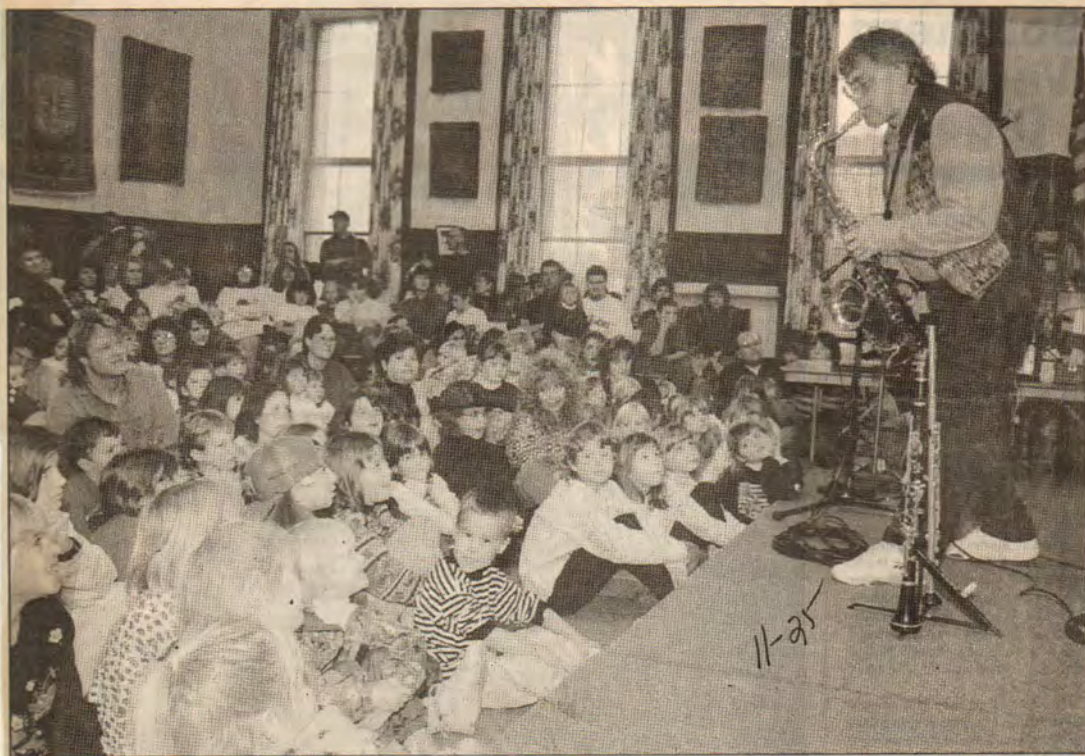
second-grader **Danielle Boudreau**, Northwest first-grader **Justin Potter**, Rutland Intermediate fourth-grader **Nicole Potter** and Northwest second-grader **Daisy Dikeman**.

● To remind everyone to vote today, fourth graders in teacher **Mary Reitz's** class at **Rutland Intermediate School** voice their reasons for favoring a particular candidate.

Patrick See, 9: "Because America is the richest country and he wants to higher the taxes so it won't be the rich-

est country." (This, he says, Stanley Stort was going to m to school." (This, he says, Don Wright (This, he says, explanation.) **Heard It At** news sent by R parents and t Herald, P.O. B

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Full House

The floor was packed at the Rutland Free Library Saturday afternoon for a musical performance by Bill Shontz. There was a little bit of something for everyone, from Rosen Shontz classics to audience sing-alongs.

Region's Volunteers Reap Rewards, Of Edible Kind

By YVONNE DALEY
Staff Writer

Since Claude Buffum Sr. and his wife, Julia, retired a few years back, they've had two constants in their lives — too much free time and too little money.

In recent months, the couple has combined these givens in their life to help themselves and their community as participants in the Neighborhood Share program. The national nonprofit project provides wholesome groceries at a reduced price to people who do volunteer work in their communities.

Under the program, people who complete two hours of volunteer work can purchase more than \$30 worth of groceries for \$15. More than 100 people like the Buffums showed up at the Rutland Recreation Center Saturday to pick up their food allotment after completing their volunteer efforts.

The Buffums, who live in Pawlet, participate in a variety of community volunteer efforts. This month, for example, they made toys and Christmas decorations that were distributed locally through the Bomoseen Grange.

"We help a lot of people and a lot of people help us. It's not a freebie. You pay for your food and work for it. And it's all good quality food."

—Lynette Over,
local program administrator

"I like making the toys and it helps stretch our food dollar. Today we're picking up our food and some for four other people who can't make it in to Rutland. We like helping our neighbors," Claude Buffum Sr. said as he and other volunteers picked up a supply of groceries that included turkeys, chicken and ground turkey, potatoes, onions, celery, frozen beans, oranges, apples, bananas and pears, stuffing mix, rice, cheese and crackers.

Lynette Over, family consultant and area administrator for the Vermont Parent Information Center, said the idea of helping oneself while helping one's neighbor is the foundation of Neighborhood SHARE.

"We help a lot of people and a lot of people help us. It's not a freebie. You pay for your food and work for

it," she said. "And it's all good quality food."

On Saturday, Tom Wiese of Rutland was dressed as Santa Claus, adding his merry greetings to the event. Earlier in the day, as he does once a month, Wiese, a mechanic at Howard Sunoco in Rutland, drove to Manchester, N.H., to pick up the food at the SHARE New England warehouse in Manchester, N.H.

Over learned about the SHARE program from her daughter Janette when the young woman was working as a volunteer with Americorps in Denver, Colo. Over researched the program and helped bring it to the region. Today, there are nearly 30 Vermont communities hosting Neighborhood SHARE programs.

Vermonters can find the closest host site by calling Community Developer Peter Kim at 479-1120 or

Godnick Center Sponsors Programs

The Rutland Recreation Department's Godnick Adult Center will sponsor the following exercise and dance programs for all adults:

Fitness Increase your level of fitness on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. with regular exercise. The course includes simple low impact exercise, step exercise, strength work and flexibility.

International Folk Dance Discover the exciting world of folk dancing on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Learn the dances of many countries including Greece, Sicily, Turkey and Armenia. No partner or experience is necessary.

Line Dance Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a fun cardiovascular workout with both new and old line dances. No partner or experience necessary.

The fee is \$2 per class. Marilyn Sheldon instructs all three classes. For more information, call 773-1853.

Open Gym

The Rutland Youth Services Center on Allen Street, housed in the former Southeast School, is expanding open gym hours for 20 weeks. The gym will be open for drop-in basketball on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:30-5:30 p.m. There will be a staff person supervising at these times.

The Center is open to those ages 12-19. Participants must be enrolled in school or working on a GED.

Anyone interested in volunteering may contact director Wes Fahringer at 773-1902.

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Photo by Albert J. Marro

Bonnie O'Dell, center, and her daughter, Tiffany, hand out food at the Dana School in Rutland Saturday morning as part of the Neighborhood SHARE program. The project offers area residents discounted prices on groceries, in exchange for time spent volunteering.

888-814-1507. Would-be volunteers go to a host site on registration day, pay \$15 in cash or food stamps and get a blank community service receipt, which they return after

doing two hours of volunteer service.

The work can be something as simple as helping an elderly person with grocery shopping or shoveling

snow for a neighbor, Over said.

In Rutland, more information is available by calling Over or Judy Pelke at 775-0878. In Barre, call Sherry Collins at 476-5301 or Flinda Evans at 476-5301.



The 10 Commandments, a memorial dedicated to President John F. Kennedy, has stood in the city's Main Street Park for 32 years.

Staff Photo by David Jenne

City Park Memorial Is Making No Waves

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

'Tis the season to separate church from state, but in the case of the Ten Commandments inscribed on a granite slab in Rutland City's Main Street Park, the religious dicta will stay.

The issue sprouts up around the country as various groups either try to erect or remove religious symbols from public property. But since 1964, the Ten Commandments have greeted passers by at Main Street Park.

The monument was donated by the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in memory of slain President John F. Kennedy.

The free-standing block is inscribed with the commandments, a Masonic symbol, a partial American flag, two stars of David and the dedication to Kennedy by the Eagles.

Until several years ago, veterans' groups held ceremonies there on Memorial Day, placing a wreath on the monument to honor American veterans. More recently, those ceremonies have taken place at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg said Thursday that he researched the issue several years ago to make sure the monument did not violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

Verdict: It did not.

"I had asked the city attorney about it, in anticipation of somebody complaining about it," Wennberg said.

"At the time, we came to the conclusion that it was perfectly appropriate and absolutely fine."

Wennberg said the monument's intent was not to proclaim the city's support of a particular religion, but to honor Kennedy.

"It is to commemorate or memorialize the death of a secular leader," Wennberg said. "Given that is its purpose and function, it does not offend."

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Rec Dept. Seeking Ice Skates for Public

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is looking to establish an inventory of ice skates

that will be made available to the public for use during public skating hours.

If you have a pair or two of ice skates in good condition that you no longer use and would like to have them put to good use, please consider donating them to the Recreation and Parks Department.

We anticipate an increase in skating opportunities at Giorgetti Rink this skating season due to the recent major improvements made to the rink. The renovations to Giorgetti Rink are complete. The renovations were made possible thanks to a very special person and the estate of John Giorgetti.

The improvements will not only provide more ice time, the ice skating surface will be superior than previously provided. The new Zamboni is sure to improve the skating surface significantly.

If you have skates to donate, please bring them to the Recreation Department at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland, or call 773-1822 for information.

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7366, or Irene Vignoe, 773-6655, new players welcome.

Softball Meeting

The Rutland Adult Softball League steering committee will be holding an organizational meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center.

Anyone interested in being involved with the committee is invited to attend. Suggestions for the upcoming season can be directed to Leaf Dahlin at the recreation center, or to league commissioner Angelo Maniery

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the establishment clause of the Constitution."

Leslie Williams, executive director of the Vermont chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said the monument's status as a memorial may exempt it from the constitutional purview.

"If it says 'placed in memory of ...' it's probably a different situation," Williams said, comparing the monu-

ment to the erection of a crèche or Menorah on public property.

"It's very iffy and different from one (U.S.) circuit court to another — the law is not clear in situations like this," she continued.

"My view is it probably shouldn't be there, but I don't know that I want to make a big court battle out of it right now. It depends on whether

there were citizens in Rutland who were upset about it."

Wennberg said he had not received any complaints about the monument during his 10 years in office.

"It's a very legitimate piece of our community's heritage," he said. "I don't think that by including it we are excluding anything else."

Senior Citizens

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 14 at the Godnick Adult Center (off Deer Street). The meeting will be preceded by a bag lunch at 5 p.m. There will be entertainment.

ALL FALL DOWN 1-5



Photo by Albert J. Marro

Young skaters form a shaky train at Rutland's Giorgetti Park Skating Rink. Warm weather kept the facility closed until Thursday, the latest opening in memory.



Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Down and Up

Heidi Lynch quickly righted herself after a minor spill on the ice at Giorgetti Park recently.

Vermont Storyteller Performs at Library 1-5

On Saturday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m., native Vermonter Mike Quinn will enthrall the audience with his imaginative stories in the Fox Room at the Rutland Free Library. Quinn will tell stories he has learned from farmers, families, in-laws, outlaws, ministers and fishermen.

For the past 10 years this musician, contra-dance caller, sugarmaker, sawyer and former dairy farmer has been perfecting his tales of Northeast and other regions of the United States until they are in the form they are today.

This concert is brought to you by the Children's Performing Arts Series, co-sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department and the Rutland Free Library. Performances are free of charge, impaired accessi-

ble and open to the public of all ages.

For more information, call the library at 773-1860.

Wennberg Coming To Neighborhoods

Mayor Jeffrey Wennberg has scheduled the following neighborhood meetings for February:

Bardwell House, Merchant Row, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 11:30 a.m.

Southeast School (Youth Center), Allen Street, Monday, Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m.

Godnick Adult Center, Deer Street, Thursday, Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m.

Mount St. Joseph Academy, Convent Avenue, Friday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m.

Dana Recreation Center, East Center Street, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.

Sheldon Towers, Sheldon Place, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m.

All meetings are open to the public. An opportunity to meet privately with Wennberg can be arranged at the end of the open discussion. Call 773-1800 for more information.

218 Crowley Race

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is looking to work with individuals or an organization who would be willing to provide leadership, technical support and logistic support necessary to carry on the annual Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race, the 10-K race each June from Proctor to Rutland.

If you are interested in getting involved to keep this tradition alive, please call **Leif Dahlin** at the Recreation Department at 773-1822.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Harmonica Man

Rutland, Mark Lavoie, "The Harmonica Man" performs harmonica tunes at Rutland Free Library, Fox Room, 2 p.m., for information call 773-1860.

Bus Trip Planned To 'Stars on Ice' 2/8

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Center is sponsoring a bus trip to see "Stars on Ice" at Knickerbocker Arena in Albany, N.Y., March 28.

Registration for Rutland residents begins Monday, Feb. 10, and for non-residents Tuesday, Feb. 11.

The cost of \$8 per person (non-residents add \$1) is payable at the time of registration, and includes transportation and a ticket to the show. Dinner, on your own, will be at a fast food restaurant.

The bus will leave the Godnick Center at 4 p.m. and return at approximately midnight.

For information, call 773-1853.



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A Little Help

Maguire Peters, 2, of Mount Tabor skates Sunday with her dad, Mike, at Giorgetti Park.

Bike

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so recommended against pursuing the project.

Sternberg said the first course of action needed is to get a complete estimate from the state of the entire project's cost.

He noted that if the cost has risen by more than 50 percent of the original estimate, the city can beg off without having to pay its share of expenses already incurred.

"Unless there are some major changes that can be made in negotiating a shift in the contract, it's coming down toward that recommendation (to drop the project)," Sternberg said. "We want the bike paths, but at what cost are they feasible?"

David Coppock, chairman of a citizens group that has been working on the project, said he understood the fiscal concerns, but still wants the project to go ahead.

"I can see why (Sternberg) is gunshy in all of this," Coppock said.

But he added that bike paths are extremely valuable to the community; they enhance the city's general quality of life, improve access between neighborhoods, and provide an added attraction for tourists.

He agreed with Sternberg, how-

ever, that engineering standards required by the federal government should be scaled back.

Those standards would require the path to be engineered to the same level as a federal highway, according to Sternberg.

"I think they really are overdoing it for a bicycle path," Coppock said.

He added that maintenance costs may not have to come entirely from the Recreation Department budget.

"My take on this is we haven't fully tapped the private sector out there."

Coppock and Jones both suggested maintenance costs could be offset by employing service organizations — such as the Boy Scouts — in helping with the path's upkeep.

And Jones noted that if the city takes over engineering oversight, the value of that work can be counted as part of the city's share of the project.

Jones said city officials have known all along that maintenance was part of the deal, and backing out now would be going against the will of the community.

"This isn't heavy use we're talking about — these are bicycles, Roller Bladers, baby carriages and pedestrians," Jones said.

February 1, 1997

City Is Urged to Scrap Bike Path Plan

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

A city development official has asked the Board of Aldermen to consider ending a 4-year effort to build a bike path on the city's west side.

Matthew Sternberg, director of the Rutland Redevelopment Authority, this week told the Community Development Committee that the bike path proposal has ballooned to expensive proportions and lost support among key department heads.

First proposed by former Alderman Kevin B. Jones, the bike path would wind from the College of St. Joseph along

the river, and over to State Street. One segment would continue to Monsignor Connor Park, and another to Giorgetti Park.

The federal government has granted \$750,000 toward the first phase of the project, but its construction has been delayed by engineering changes and difficulties in gaining rights-of-way along the proposed route.

Sternberg told the committee that the project cost now appears to be headed upward of \$1.2 million.

And Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin has turned a thumbs down on the path because he does not have funding to cover the city's 10 percent share and because he

does not want to be responsible for maintaining the path.

One option for reducing costs, meanwhile, has its own problems, according to Sternberg. State Bike Path Coordinator Curt McCormack is trying to give local communities more responsibility in overseeing the engineering of bike path projects.

That could speed the project and bring the overall cost down. But it would also mean more work for the city's Department of Public Works.

Sternberg said DPW Commissioner Warren Conner al-

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Pitching Clinic

Wayne Charron through the Rutland Recreation Department, is offering a baseball pitching clinic. The clinic will run on Feb. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center.

Wednesday sessions will be for ages 10-13 and Thursday sessions will be for ages 14 and up. Participants will learn proper warmup and conditioning, body mechanics, types of pitches, pick-off moves and the mental aspects of pitching.

The program is open to players, coaches and parents interested in learning the proper fundamentals of pitching. Interested parties may sign up at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St. The program is free, and is limited to 12 participants per age group.

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignone, 773-8656, new players welcome.

Vacation Camp Is Set for Feb. 17-21

The Rutland Recreation Department's February vacation camp will take place this year from Feb. 17-21.

The Camp will present fun and activities for children in Grades K-6.

The program will run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The program is open to all local students. Sign-up is at the Dana Recreation Center, located at 39 East Center St. Resident fees are \$47 and non-resident fees are \$54. There is a \$5 discount for all people signing up before Feb. 7.

There will be also extended hours available from 8 to 9 a.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. for an additional fee. The deadline for signing up is Feb. 11.

Rutland Rec and Chaffee Offer Programs

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, located in the former Dana School, 39 East Center St., is in the process of registering for their winter programs. You are welcome to pick up a brochure at the office for more detailed information.

The Chaffee Art Gallery, in conjunction with the Recreation Department, is offering many varied and numerous programs. All Chaffee programs must be registered for at the Chaffee Art Gallery, 16 South Main St., Rutland, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. Registration for Chaffee programs is ongoing for residents and non-residents.

Preschool Programs

Children's Performing Arts Series First session, Jan. 18, 2-3 p.m., library, storyteller Mike Quinn.

Games and Crafts from Different Cultures (Chaffee program), ages 4-6, Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m., March 1-22.

Hearts and Flowers (Chaffee program), ages 3-6, Saturday, 9:30-11 a.m., Feb. 8.

No More Cabin Fever (Chaffee program), create a spring fantasy garden, ages 3-6, Saturdays, 10-11:30 a.m., April 5-May 3.

Parent/Child Learning Project (Chaffee program), ages 3-6, Saturdays, 10-11:30 a.m., April 5-May 3.

Play Group, Parent/Child Ages 5 and under, Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 6-April 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Dana Rec Center gym.

Rotary Preschool There are openings in the 3-year-old morning group. They meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Totnastics Ages 3 and 4, Saturdays, 9-10 a.m., Session I - Jan. 4-Feb. 8; Session II - Feb. 22-March 29.

Youth Programs

Art and Dance Ages 7-12, Thursdays, 3:30-4:45 p.m., Jan. 9-March 6, Paula Gregory.

Basic Drawing (Chaffee program), ages 7-9, Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m., March 1-22.

Basketball Grades 1 and 2, boys and girls, Saturdays, 8-8:45 a.m., Jan. 4-Feb. 8; grades 3 and 4, 9-10:30 a.m., Jan. 4-March 29.

Bookmaking Workshop (Chaffee program), ages 7-12 and adults, April 12 and 13, 9 a.m.-noon.

Elements in Design in Collage (Chaffee program), ages 7-11, Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m., Jan. 18-Feb. 8.

February Vacation Camp Grades K-6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 17-21.

February Vacation Computer Camp (Chaffee program), grades 3-8, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 17-21.

Gotta Dance Section A, ages 6-8, 3:30-4:15 p.m.; Section B, ages 9-11, 4:15-5 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 8-March 5.

Gymnastics Ages 5-7, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; ages 8-12, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturdays, Jan. 4-Feb. 8 or Feb. 22-March 29, Jim Lehman.

Intermediate Drawing (Chaffee program), ages 10-12, 3:30-5 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 29-March 20.

Martial Arts ages 6-13, 4-6 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 12 or Feb. 26-April 2.

Teen Programs

Young Artists Figure Drawing (Chaffee program), grades 6-12, Fridays, 3:30-6 p.m., Jan. 21-March 7.

Young Artists Studio-Portfolio Development (Chaffee program), grades 7-12, Fridays, 3:30-5 p.m., March 14-April 18.

Teen/Adult Programs

Architectural Sketching (Chaffee program), ages 15-adult, 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 6-27.

Beginning Black and White Photography (Chaffee program), ages 15-adult, Tuesdays, 6:30-10 p.m., Feb. 11, Feb. 18, March 25, April 1.

Dog Obedience Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m., Jan. 15-Feb. 26, beginner dogs accompanied by teen or adult.

Oil Painting for the Novice and Intermediate (Chaffee program), ages 15-adult, Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., March 11-April 26.

Open Studio: Life Drawing (Chaffee program), ages 15-adult, Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., Feb. 5-March 26.

Speed Sketching the Vermont Landscape (Chaffee program), ages 15-adult, Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 12-26.

Spring Baskets (Chaffee program), ages 10-adult, Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., March 8 and 15.

Stories in the Galleries (Chaffee program), families, noon-12:45 p.m. or 1:15-2 p.m., April 5, Liz Sojourner, storyteller.

Table Tennis Club All ability levels, Tuesdays, 7:15-10 p.m., Jan. 7-April 15.

The Artist's Way workshop (Chaffee program), adult/educators, Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., Feb. 4-May 6.

Twig Furniture (Chaffee program), ages 15-adult, Saturdays, March 8, 10 a.m.-noon; March 15 and 22, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Watercolor for the Novice and Intermediate Artists (Chaffee program), ages 15-adult, Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., April 8-May 13.

Adult Programs

Aerobics Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m., Jan. 7-March 27, Sue Classen.

Awareness and Self Defense for Women Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jan. 8-Feb. 12.

Danakinetics Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m., Jan. 9-Feb. 20.

Chaffee Workshop for the Working Artist (Chaffee program), Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., March 15.

Men's Noontime Hoop Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon-1:30 p.m., Nov. 19-March 13, College of St. Joseph gym, membership card of daily fees.

Racquetball Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., College of St. Joseph, Jan. 20-Feb. 17, beginners and advanced beginners.

Reflection and Critique (Chaffee program), educators, Mondays, 4-6 p.m., Feb. 10, March 10, April 14 and May 12.

Support Workshop for the Working Artist (Chaffee program), Mondays, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Feb. 10, March 10, April 14 and May 12.

Tai Chi Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Jan. 7-Feb. 13.

ISIA Learn to Skate Programs Adult Alpha and below, Adult Beta and beyond, ISIA Tots, ISIA Pre-Alpha, ISIA Alpha, ISIA Beta, Giorgetti Ice Rink, instructors, Paul Martel, Austin Burbank, Eva Duttie.

Mrs. Embleton Rites

The funeral service for Judith Marquis Embleton, 52, of Rutland, who died Thursday, was held Monday at the Aldous Funeral Home. The Rev. Adam Krempa, pastor of St. Robert's Church in Chittenden, officiated. Entombment followed at Evergreen Cemetery, where burial will take place at a later date.

Contributions may be made to the Rutland Senior Citizens Center, Deer Street, Rutland, 05701.

Giorgetti Rink Open During School Break

The Rutland Recreation Department's Giorgetti ice rink will be open the following hours during school vacation week:

- ♦ Monday, Feb. 17, 1 to 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1 to 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ Thursday, Feb. 20, 1 to 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ Friday, Feb. 21, 1 to 9 p.m.

Totnastics Helps Gross Motor Skills

Rutland Recreation and Parks Department will offer Totnastics for the 3- and 4-year-old in your house. Parents, join in with your little one having fun, while they are developing their gross motor skills through physical activities such as tag, ball games, new games and parachute play to name a few.

The class will be taught by Jim Lehman, a Rutland physical education teacher for more than 20 years. This course fills up fast, so don't delay. Program starts Jan. 4. Register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Ice Skating Lessons Offered at Giorgetti

The Rutland Recreation is once again offering ISIA ice skating lessons at the Giorgetti Ice Rink. Lessons will be offered for Adult Alpha, Adult Beta, Tots, Pre-Alpha, Alpha and Beta.

The first program starts Jan. 6. Come into the recreation office to see what level you would start at.

Classes are limited and fill up fast, so don't delay. Register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Weekend Skating Hours at Giorgetti

Weather permitting, public skating hours at Giorgetti Skating Rink will be Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and \$50 cents for students under 18.

Bike Path Priorities Go to Committees

The Board of Aldermen agreed Monday to bring the question of bicycle path priorities to joint consideration by the Recreation Committee and the Community Development Committee.

Matthew Sternberg, director of the Rutland Redevelopment Authority, has urged the board to consider dropping a four-year-old proposal to develop a recreation path between the College of St. Joseph and West Street.

But he and board members stressed Monday that no decision had been made, and that if the old project was scrapped it would only be in the context of broader bike path initiatives.

"The project we have in front of us is a difficult one," Sternberg said, noting that projected costs have risen from around \$850,000 to more than \$1.2 million.

"If this one does not end up being the one we go with, it does not mean the end of the bike path program in the city of Rutland."

One recent proposal under consideration would create a bike lane on Woodstock Avenue by reducing the number of traffic lanes to two, adding a center turning lane and running a bike lane on the side.

Senior Highlights

Highlights for Feb. 11-14 at Godnick Adult Center:

Tuesday: 9 a.m., non-residents register for Stars on Ice trip; 9:30 a.m., line dancing and art class; 1 p.m., bridge, poker and country crafters; 5 p.m., Senior Council.

Wednesday: Lincoln's birthday.

Thursday: 9:30 a.m., folk dancing and bridge lessons; 1 p.m., poker; 1:15 p.m., bingo; 7 p.m., bridge club.

Friday: 9 a.m., cross-country skiing at Mountain Meadows; 10 a.m., piano; 11:45 a.m., Lunch Bunch has lunch at Midway Diner; 1 p.m., whist and bridge.

Meals are served Monday through Thursday at 11:45 a.m. The van is available for rides from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 773-1853.

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Rec Department Offers Many Classes

Aerobic Classes

The Rutland Recreation is offering aerobics classes which are suitable for beginners through advanced, with modification for each level.

Classes will consist of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down. Participants will need to bring a mat or a towel, and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing. Classes run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. The first class starts Jan. 7. Registration is at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Tai Chi

The Rutland Recreation Tai Chi program will teach adults the Yang style of Tai Chi. Students will learn the postures and practice the principals to ultimately begin "push hands" allowing the students to utilize what they have learned. A history of the Yang style will be taught along with the applications.

The class will run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The first class is Jan. 7. Registration is at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Dance Class

Music, dance and fun is the theme for this high-energy dance class. Children will start the session with a ballet warm-up, stretch and jazz class where basic dance techniques will be taught to popular music.

Tumbling and choreography will also be part of the program. Children will explore the art of dance based on ability and interests.

A dance performance will be the spotlight of our session. So bring lots of energy and don't forget your sneakers. No class Feb. 19. The class will be held Wednesdays from Jan. 8 to March 5.

Section A will be for ages 6-8 and will be held from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Section B will be for ages 9-11 and will be held from 4:15 to 5 p.m.

Registration is at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Introduction to Karate

An Introduction to Karate will provide youngsters ages 6-13 with some of the basic knowledge of martial arts. The students will be introduced to some basic karate stances, punches, blocks and kicks.

Self-defense moves will also be introduced, teaching simple free and flee methods. Terminology and self-discipline that goes along with the basic skills will also be taught within a fun atmosphere.

Session I will be held from Jan. 8 to Feb. 12; Session II will be Feb. 26 to April 2. The classes will be Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Registration is at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Awareness for Women

An "Awareness for Women" course will provide females with some basics in awareness and self-defense. Mark Stockton will teach simple and effective movements which will enable you to break free and flee for assistance. Come and gain an increased self-esteem, confidence and a sense of control in your life.

The class will be held Wednesdays from Jan. 8 to Feb. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at New England Martial Arts Center. Registration is at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Art and Dance

A full session of arts, music and dance will be explored in "Art and Dance."

Children ages 7-12 will be introduced to many phases of dance education including ballet, jazz and tumbling classes. The visual arts of the program will include drawing, painting, stenciling on wood and fabric, decoupage and special interest projects. An art exhibit and dance performance will highlight the session.

Bring your sneakers and a smile. No class Feb. 20. Classes will be held Thursdays from Jan. 9 to March 6 from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Registration is at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Danskinetics

Danskinetics is an enlivening movement class which fluidly combines the inner awareness of yoga and chi kung with the soul of dance to music from around the world.

This class is for any adult who wants the benefits of exercise, joy and healing in a safe environment. No class Feb. 6. Classes will be Thursdays from Jan. 9 to Feb. 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Registration is at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Dog Obedience

The Rutland Recreation Department and the Rutland Valley Kennel Club are sponsoring an obedience class for beginners, for those who want to learn how to control their dogs and to teach them basic commands.

In the course of seven weeks, we will cover on-lead and off-lead heeling, the sit and down commands, the stand, the come command, and the long sit and long down.

The dogs should also learn how to behave with other dogs in the area, to interact with unfamiliar people and unfamiliar dogs.

Proof of a current rabies vaccine is needed at the time of registration. Classes are for teens and adults and will be held Wednesdays from Jan. 15 to Feb. 26 from 7 to 8 p.m. Registration is at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Racquetball

Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering racquetball classes that will be suitable for beginners through advanced beginners. As a sport and as beneficial exercise, racquetball fits perfectly into the hectic schedule of today's fitness conscious individual.

From the first serve, racquetball offers many of the benefits sought by today's exercise-conscious society, such as caloric consumption, total body muscle tone, cardiovascular workout and flexibility. Class size is limited.

Classes will be held Mondays from Jan. 20 to Feb. 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics will include stretching, tumbling, uneven and parallel bars, balance beam and vaulting. Your child will learn the basics of gymnastics with the emphasis on improving personal skills while having a good time.

Session I will be from Jan. 4 to Feb. 8 and Session II will be Feb. 22 to March 29. Section A will be for children ages 5-7 Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Section B will be for children ages 8-12 Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration is at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Downtown Greenery Gets A Boost

I want to clarify a point in Fred Bever's article about Rutland Partnership receiving a check for \$9,625 from Wal-Mart at the grand opening of their downtown Rutland store.

This anything but a "conciliatory gesture" to other downtown businesses. Rutland Partnership applied for and received a grant in this amount from Wal-Mart's environmental initiative program for a streetscape and greenspace planting program for downtown Rutland in 1997. This grant was specifically awarded for the purposes of promoting a greenspace and landscape program.

The Wal-Mart grant covers the cost of replacing dead and diseased street trees in the central business district; an annual tree maintenance program to ensure the health of the trees; and a floral program to plant and maintain annuals, perennials and shrubs in sidewalk planters, "vest pocket" street gardens, at the information kiosks, and in the new Depot Park. The receipt of this grant allows Rutland Partnership to enhance further the Downtown Streetscape Master Plan, which was adopted in 1991, and to guarantee that all landscape plantings during 1997 in the central business district will be supplemented and maintained at the highest level of impact and quality. This money is above and beyond what Rutland Partnership had planned for streetscape improvements in 1997.

Rutland Partnership will make the most of this grant from Wal-Mart by enlisting community volunteers to help with this environmental beautification program.

Rutland Partnership is very grateful to Wal-Mart for their commitment to the revitalization of downtown Rutland and for giving us this opportunity to improve further the beautification of this historic downtown.

DICK COURCELLE
(Executive director,
Rutland Partnership)
Rutland

2-3 Rutland Rec

The Rutland Recreation Department has openings in its children's Martial Arts program and adult Tai Chi program.

Martial arts sessions begin Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. The resident fee for the program is \$27, with a \$5 discount for those registering before Feb. 19. Children will learn the basics of martial arts.

The Tai Chi class will begin Feb. 18 and run through March 27 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Dana Recreation Center from 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Students will learn the Yang style of the discipline.

Further information on either program can be obtained by calling 773-1822.

2-17 Rec Softball

The Rutland Recreation & Parks Department is in the process of organizing its summer softball leagues and roster packets will be ready to be picked up the week of Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the Recreation Office on East Center Street. The department asks that only one person representing their team pick up a roster packet and to sign out at that time.

Rosters are to be returned to the Recreation Office on Tuesday, April 8 between 5-6:30 p.m. They will not be accepted before this date and time. They must be fully filled out with the legal signatures of participants along with all fees — entry fee, participation fee, non-resident fee and ASA sanction fee.

Anyone with questions can call the Recreation Office at 773-1822.

2-18 Softball Tourney

The annual March of Dimes Snowball softball tournament will be held March 8 at the Meadow Street fields. The tournament features a one-pitch, double-elimination format.

The profits will benefit the March of Dimes.

There will be a \$75 per team entry fee and trophies will be awarded to the top three teams. To enter, or obtain more information, contact Bernie at 775-1204 or Mike at 775-2854.

Meet The Mayor

Rutland, Mayor Jeff Wennberg meets the public at neighborhood meeting, Dana Recreation Center, East Center Street, 7 p.m.

SKATEBOARDING?

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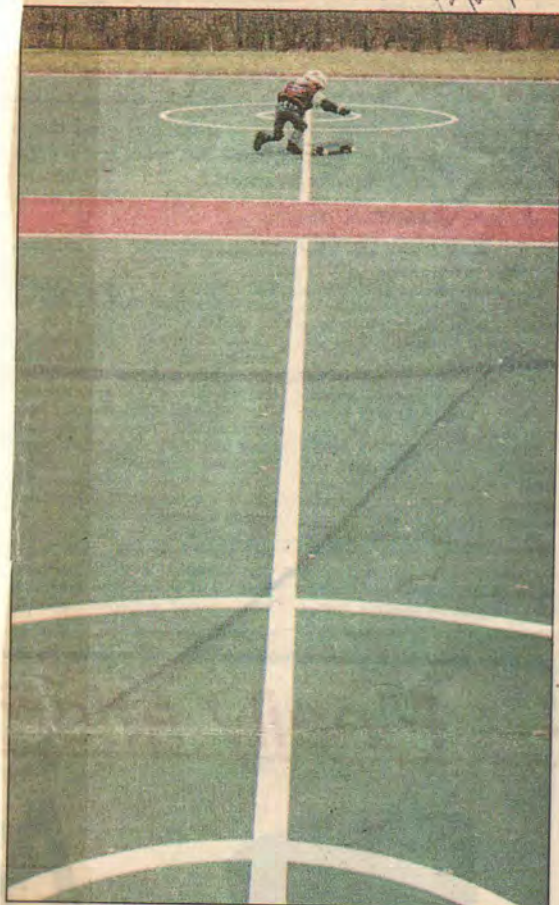


Photo by David Jenne

On a winter day when people should be snowboarding, Daniel Ball, 6, of Rutland enjoyed the unusually warm weather as he skateboards on a snowless basketball court at White's Playground. Temperatures are expected to climb to 50 degrees today.

Bus Trip Planned To Baltimore, Md.

The Godnick Adult Center is sponsoring a four-day trip to Baltimore, Md., beginning June 23.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24 for city residents and Feb. 25, for non-residents.

A non-refundable deposit of \$30 is due at registration. The balance is due by May 16.

The trip includes tours of Mount Vernon Place, Fort McHenry, National Aquarium at Baltimore, B and O Railroad Museum, John Hopkins Hospital, Inner Harbor Area, Harbor Cruise, Toby's Dinner Theatre and other local attractions.

The cost per person is \$390/double occupancy, \$350/triple occupancy, \$505/single occupancy (non-residents add \$6) and includes bus transportation, three nights' accommodations, six meals, all attractions specified, baggage handling, all taxes and gratuities (except chambermaid).

The Vermont Transit bus will leave the center at 6:30 a.m. Monday and returns at about 8:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information, please call the Godnick Center at 773-1853.

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland: Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignoe, 773-8656, new players welcome.

Bike Path Is Waste of Money

The public has spoken loud and clear: Property taxes are too high, Montpelier is going round and round on this subject for years and now all I read is more taxes, not one word has been published about reducing expenses.

A group from Rutland City wants to spend upward to \$1.2 million on a bike path that is about one mile long. This \$1.2 million, whether from the federal, state or city, is still tax monies.

This is not the last of the taxes for the bike path. The continued maintenance and uncontrolled usage are going to cost monies. This means more taxes or less services



Mark Lavoie will perform harmonica music at the Rutland Free Library on Saturday, Feb. 8.

'Harmonica Man' at Library

On Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. Mark Lavoie, also known as "The Harmonica Man," will entertain with his delightful riffs in the Fox Room at the Rutland Free Library.

Lavoie has been performing harmonica tunes for more than 20 years throughout Vermont. An entertainer in the classic sense of the word, he is as at home playing for an intimate gathering of friends as he is in front of an entire audience of strangers.

Of course, by the end of his show they are strangers no more, rather all become intimate partners in music.

This concert is brought to you by the Children's Performing Arts Series, co-sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department and the Rutland Free Library.

Performances are free of charge, impaired accessible and open to the public of all ages. For more information, call 773-1860.



Staff Photo by L.B. Carey

Bridge Game

Michael Shea, Emily Shea and Ashley Parent stop to look over the Crescent Street bridge on Sunday while on their way to a skating outing at Giorgetti Park in Rutland.

in other areas of the city.

It is my opinion tax money is being used right now. I don't know what the coordinator is paid, but he must receive a salary and expenses. What is the \$750,000 grant if not taxpayers' money?

Enhancing the city's general quality of life and improving access between neighborhoods is a farce.

This can be accomplished by better plowing, sanding, salting and maintenance of city sidewalks. Yes, this will cost extra monies but not as much as the bike path and will benefit all. How about a sidewalk the length of Killington Avenue, a very heavily traveled road in the city. This would enhance the safety for children and the general public and would cost far less than the bike path.

We don't need more taxes for the benefit of a few.

QUINCY BAKER
Rutland

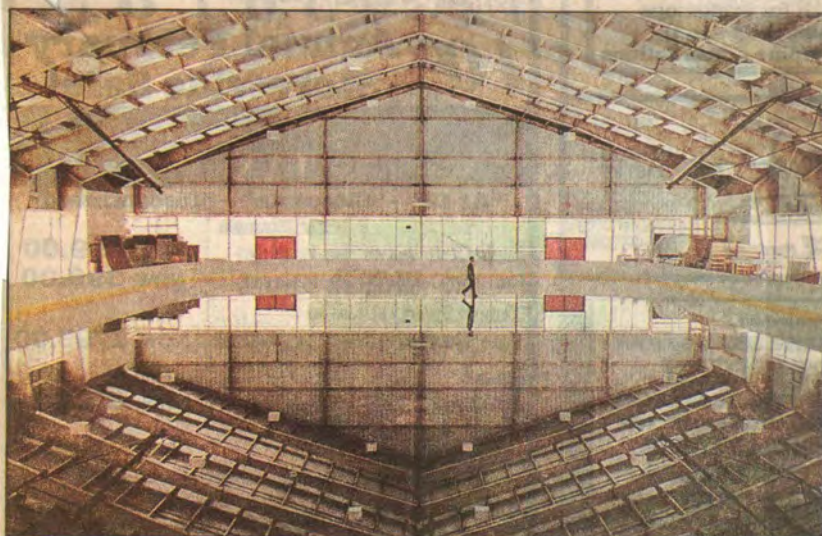
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Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Just Add Ice

Jessica Maynard (left) holds her laces while Danielle Hudson tightens her skates as they prepare to practice at the Giorgetti Skating Rink in Rutland recently.



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinakas

Lots of Drops, No Rink

Steve Canney, a Rutland recreation department employee, is reflected in a pool of water that used to be ice at the Giorgetti Park skating rink Wednesday. Two straight days of 50-degree weather finally closed the rink. Recreation officials hoped to have it open again Thursday, but the weather wasn't necessarily going to cooperate.

CITY OF RUTLAND INVITATION TO BID FIFTY DOZEN 12" AND 11" SOFTBALLS

Sealed bids are requested for the purchase of the item listed above. Bids will be accepted at the Office of the City Clerk until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 1997.

Bid documents may be obtained from:

Purchasing Department
City Hall, 1 Strongs Avenue
Post Office Box 969
Rutland, Vermont 05702

Hockey Group Hopes to Score More Ice Time

By LINNEA ANDERSON
Herald Staff

The search by a 400-member youth hockey association for more ice time is picking up speed.

A new \$1.5 million one-rink complex at the Rutland Mall, a \$600,000 expansion or purchase of its current home at Royce Mandigo Arena at the Vermont State Fairgrounds, and a contract for ice time at Rutland City's Georgetti Park are all options for the Rutland Amateur Hockey Association.

Dean Lawes, a RAHA official, said the hockey club is in the process of selecting an architect to do design

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RAHA Official

work on the mall and Royce Mandigo ideas. An ice crunch led the organization to seek whiter pastures, he said.

"Because of the number of kids, we've had to cut the amount of ice time each group has. They're starting

at 6 a.m. now and we're going until 11:30 p.m.," Lawes said. "We also have skating programs during the day and public skating. We need more ice time."

Last year, the nonprofit hockey club announced its plan for a \$3.5 million

to \$4.5 million two-rink complex at property at the Rutland Mall. Two factors weighed in that made RAHA officials scale back their plans, Lawes said.

First, a survey by New Hampshire consultant Alan Popp last fall showed

the community was interested in a much larger civic center plan, costing about \$6 million. RAHA, however, was not interested in a project that large.

"It was more money than we wanted to try to raise," Lawes said. "It wasn't that they weren't willing to give. They just had a bigger idea than we wanted to go with."

The scaled-down, \$1.5 million, one-rink project would sit on 12 to 15 acres of land and have 350 parking spaces. The 150-foot-by-250-foot build-

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ing would have 1,000 seats and an Olympic size hockey rink.

RAHA officials have asked Rutland Town for a tax exemption on 29 acres of land at the Rutland Mall site. The additional acreage is needed in case Act 250 demands mitigation land for wetlands taken, Lawes said.

Juster Associates, owners of the mall and the property, paid \$602 in taxes in 1996 to the town for 39 acres of undeveloped land, town officials said.

Lawes said Juster Associates, which would donate the land for the project, would benefit from the new rink because it would give the mall a new recreational theme.

"Juster likes the idea because it could give a jump-start to the mall, which is not as full as it could be," he said.

A new rink would allow RAHA to host regional tournaments and bring customers to area businesses, hotels and restaurants, Lawes said.

Another factor in scaling down its plans at the Rutland Mall, Lawes said, was the possibility of renting 20 hours a week of ice time at Georgetti Park for team practices.

On an informal basis, RAHA has begun to hold practices at the site

twice a week, Lawes said.

Leif Dahlin, the city's recreation director, said the city doesn't want to compromise public ice skating opportunities at the rink, which now offers open skating and skating lessons.

"We need to thoroughly explore the intent and purpose of the ideas from RAHA," Dahlin said.

He said he would not characterize the talks as negotiations, as Lawes had.

"We're in the formative stage of developing ideas," he said. "They are not negotiations. We're exploring ideas."

A future goal at Georgetti is to refrigerate the rink, which now depends on natural ice, Dahlin said.

The hockey organization has been based out of Royce Mandigo Arena at the Vermont State Fairgrounds for about 23 years, Lawes said.

RAHA recently presented two options to fair officials regarding the rink. RAHA would like to either buy the building from the fair or add refrigeration and expand its lease to 11 months a year. In both cases, RAHA would give the fair access to the building for fair-related activities, Lawes said.

Refurbishing Royce Mandigo would cost \$600,000 and include a complete new refrigeration system with year-round ice, expansion of the locker room facilities, addition of heat to the grandstands, lighting improvements

and an updated snack bar, Lawes said.

"Our first choice would be Mandigo Arena because of the lesser expense to refurbish the rink," Lawes said.

Although RAHA doesn't pay rent for the arena, the organization has invested \$30,000 over the last two years on the refrigeration system, Zamboni machine and general maintenance.

Lawes said it was unclear whether the program would continue at Royce Mandigo if the Rutland Mall plans move forward. He said it would depend on how many new people came into the program and whether major improvements at Mandigo were needed.

Fair president Rodney T. Gallipo said there was limited land available for rink expansion at the fairgrounds.

"We can't give them any more land back there," he said. "I thought (the issue) was put to bed. We don't have it to give them. They're welcome to use what was there."

He said the fair uses the building during fair weeks and other times of year. "An expansion" would render it useless to us," Gallipo said. Fair officials recently formed a committee to explore RAHA's proposals.

Lawes said he hopes to have a front runner by the end of hockey season but said the decision is not up to him.

"It's up to the people we're negotiating with," he said.

2/3 Hunter Safety

A Basic Hunter/Foreman Safety Course will be offered at the Rutland City Dana Recreation Center beginning March 3. The class will be offered on March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18. Hours are 8-9 p.m. Class size is limited to 30 students and pre-registration is required in person at the Rec Center (773-1822). Parental consent is required for students 16 and under.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge
Duplicate Bridge is a social bridge club playing at Georgetti Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m. for information call Bill Backer, 773-7286, or Irene Viroos, 773-8256, new players welcome.

Rink Is Closed
The Rutland Recreation Department announces that Georgetti Ice Rink is closed for the season. All who had lessons will be contacted.

RUTLAND RECREATION AND PARKS
DEPARTMENT
ROTARY PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM
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This program is for 3 & 4 year olds and runs through the school calendar year. There will be an evening information and registration night on Thursday, March 13th, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Rotary Park. A \$50.00 deposit will be required to reserve a spot for Fall 1997. For additional program and fee information stop by the Recreation and Parks Department, Rotary Pre-School will begin its Fall schedule Tuesday, September 2nd. Morning sessions are available. For more information give us a call at 773-1822.



Staff Photo by David Jenne

The Crowd Goes Wild

Doug Brown, 11, (left) and Vincent Doaner, 10, of Rutland couldn't wait for spring to melt the ice covering the basketball court at Monsignor Park in Rutland. They were practicing their hoop skills Monday afternoon.

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Hoop Tourney

The first Fifth Grade Basketball Tournament, conducted through the Rutland Recreation Department, will be held March 5-8 and will have a single elimination format. The teams will include Christ the King, Lothrop, Neshobe, West Rutland, Wallingford and three Rutland Rec teams - The Rutland Wildcats, Rutland Sonics and Rutland Magic.

Games will be played on March 5 and 6 at 5 and 6:30 p.m. and on March 7 at 6 and 7:30 p.m.. The consolation game will be at 11:30 a.m. and the championship game at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 8.

The members of the winning team will receive individual trophies and the top four teams will receive pins. An All-Tournament-Team of eight players will be selected.

Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students. A food concession will be available. The championship game will be taped for showing on Channel 15.

Adult Softball

The Rutland Recreation Department is in the process of organizing the summer adult softball leagues. Roster packets are now available at the recreation office at 39 East Center St. The department asks that only one person representing a team pick up a roster packet and sign out at that time for the team they represent.

Rosters are to be returned to the office on Tuesday, April 8, between 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. They will not be accepted before this date and time. They must be fully filled out, with the legal signatures of participants, and include all fees (entry fee, player participation fee, non-resident fee, and ASA sanction fee).

Questions may be directed to the recreation office at 773-1822.

Chess

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a program for those interested in learning and playing chess. The chess club meets on Mondays from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. in Dana Recreation Center Room 1 from April 28-Aug. 25. There is no fee or age group for this program.

For further information, call 773-1822.

Walk for the Animals

Rutland, The Rutland County Humane Society holds its annual walk-for-the-animals to raise funds, walk begins at 2 p.m.; register at 1:30 p.m. in Depot Park next to Wal-Mart, for information call 483-6700.

Pondering Ways To ^{gib} Maximize The Alley

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

Rutland City officials are considering new ways to exploit the underused Center Street Alley, the fountain brick enclave between Center and Wales streets.

Alderman Paul G. Clifford, chairman of the Recreation Committee, had originally started with the idea that the city should try to end its lease for the property, because it cost too much to produce too little benefit.

But after meeting with his committee, recreation officials and neighboring landowners, Clifford said, he has changed his mind.

"The maintenance for that park is just burdensome on the recreation budget," Clifford said.

The alley costs the city around \$14,000 a year, he said, while maintenance on other parks is squeezed in around the edges.

"The big problem with the park is the vandalism; scrubbing off the graffiti, getting the debris out of the pool," Clifford said. But, he added, "the more I listened to people and how much they want to hang onto it, the more I was convinced."

One proponent of sprucing up the alley is Patty Sabotka, owner of Tapas Restaurant, which has a patio that overlooks the park. Sabotka has struggled with vandalism and profanity committed by groups of teenagers hanging out in the alley after dark.

The addition late last summer of an officer on foot patrol downtown appeared to help the vandalism problems.

Sabotka said she hopes that trend will continue in the warm months this year, as she is planning on improving her patio.

Although increased security is definitely an option on the table, Sabotka also said increasing the alley's usage is the best solution to its problems.

She noted that when there is an event there — such as the Folk Thursdays last year — the park drew as many as 500 people.

"The more activity we create out there, the less problems we are going to have," Sabotka said. "If we're going to keep it open we have to utilize it."

Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin said there are a host of possibilities for improving the park in coming years.

Those include placement of security gates that could be locked at night, promoting the site for wedding parties or other private entertainment, better signs to direct pedestrians to the park, increasing the number of public events that take place there, and even changing the name.

"Someone threw out the word 'court-

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Down to the Wires

Electrician Steve Benson works on the new light poles in Depot Park Friday.

Johnston Takes On Mayor as Race Nears End

By **FREDERICK BEVER**
Herald Staff

Mayoral candidate Marge Johnston believes the city is in general spending too much money, but also has failed to spend enough on upkeep of city streets.

In the final days of her low-key campaign, Johnston said Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg has concentrated his energies too much on "flashy" development projects such as the renovation of the downtown shopping plaza, and too little on nuts-and-bolts citizen needs.

She singled out expenditures on street paving, which last year amounted to roughly \$390,000.

"That's a drop in the bucket. The streets have been totally ignored for the past 10 years."

Wennberg begged to disagree. He noted that when he took office almost 10 years ago, the city's

paving budget stood at \$80,000. In recent years, he has budgeted nearly \$400,000 each year for paving projects.

And, Wennberg said, he has joined the city's legislative delegation in a successful effort to bring more state paving dollars to Rutland. He noted that millions of dollars in state transportation funds have been spent recently on paving projects including Woodstock Avenue, Main Street and Strongs Avenue.

"That money wouldn't have come forward if we hadn't raised a monumental stink here in



Wennberg



Town Meeting '97



Johnston

Rutland about the unfair treatment the state had historically applied to cities as opposed to towns," he said.

Johnston also said city officials' support for a \$3.9 million bond request to build a new police station and renovate City Hall was coming at the wrong time.

Police can stay in their present quarters for some time, she argued, and should do so until "the dust has settled" on school funding questions raised by a recent state Supreme Court decision.

"The more money you put toward paying off bonds, the less you have for other things,"

Johnston said. And, she noted, the new building will add utility expenses to the city's obligations.

"I think the city has spent enough money," she said. "I think it's time to draw the line and put some of it back into infrastructure."

Wennberg agreed that the city's bond debt has increased in recent years — mainly due to construction of the new high school on Woodstock Avenue.

But he also said the city's debt load was relatively light, and the city was in a strong enough financial position to gain a favorable bond rating from Wall Street.

He added that the renovations at City Hall should provide enough savings in energy consumption to offset increases in utility payments

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at the new police station.

"I certainly agree that the property tax is excessive," Wennberg said. "Each taxpayer has to make the judgment (on the proposed bond) based on what they feel they can pay — I believe the need is here and is not going to go away."

If approved, the bond would add 6 cents to the tax rate in its first year, and go down in subsequent years. In the first year, that would amount to \$60 on the tax bill for a \$100,000 home.

Johnston said in general, the city should cut back its expenses: She cited the Recreation Department's budget of nearly \$1 million as a prime target.

That department, she said, could make better use of volunteers to cut down on salary expenses. An advocate on senior citizen issues, Johnston said the elderly should be tapped to fill in

at the Recreation Department.

She added that she would make the mayor's office a bully pulpit for promoting senior citizen programs, including a "2-H" program she has proposed that among other things would help move senior citizens back into the work place.

Wennberg noted, however, that about a third of the recreation budget is paid through user fees. And he defended recreation expenditures, noting that the department has managed to expand its programs without expanding taxpayer expenses.

"Our ability to meet these needs is going to depend on our ability to finance them without going to the taxpayers," Wennberg said. "We'd like to see the department expanded, but not with tax dollars."

The opponents did agree on one

fact: the terrible condition of city sidewalks this winter.

Johnston said the city should have done a better job sanding sidewalks after snow and ice storms. "It's terrible when they get to be like boilerplate," she said.

Wennberg agreed that the sidewalks were in bad shape this year. But he blamed frequent warm spells that melted snow and then turned it into ice at night.

He said the Department of Public Works had done the best it could in difficult conditions.

"The homeowner has to realize that keeping the sidewalk clear of dangerous ice is his or her responsibility," he said. "If we did it, we'd have to get out there with shovels; You want to talk about tax problems — wait 'til we pay for a service like that."

Peter Gould Performs At Dana March 15

On Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m., Peter Gould will present his show in the gym of the Dana Recreation Center.

Gould likes to find (in the half hour or so before his performance) four or five young people (9 to 12 years old) who might like a very small part in the show. Come early if you're interested. Gould is a silent clown who finally finds his voice through a magical and hilarious journey.

He has been entertaining the young and young at heart for more than 20 years. He also has been a Sanskrit scholar at Harvard, and a teacher of English and Spanish, mime and clowning. He's staged routines in 40 states and four countries as a soloist or in the duet of "Gould and Stearns."

This performance is brought to you by the Children's Performing Arts Series, co-sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department and the Rutland Free Library.

Performances are free of charge, impaired accessible and open to the public of all ages.

For more information please call 773-1860.

Peter Gould

Rutland, Peter Gould entertains young and old with his silent clown performance, Dana Recreation Center gym, 2 p.m., free of charge, open to the public of all ages, for information call 773-1860.

Softball Umpires

There will be an ASA Umpires certification clinics on Sunday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. and on May 19 at 6:30 p.m. Both clinics will be at the Dana Recreation Center on East Center Street in Rutland. Umpires may choose either clinic. Call **Steve Dumas** at 775-3627 for more information.

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignoe, 773-8656, new players welcome.

Four-Day Trip To Baltimore Set

The Godnick Adult Center is sponsoring a four-day trip to Baltimore, Md., beginning June 23. Registration is on-going at the Godnick Adult Center.

A non-refundable deposit of \$30 is due at time of registration. The balance is due on or before May 16.

The trip includes: tours of Mount Vernon Place, Fort McHenry, National Aquarium at Baltimore, B and O Railroad Museum, John Hopkins Hospital, inner harbor area, 1 1/2-hour harbor cruise and Toby's Dinner Theatre.

The cost per person is \$390/double, \$350/triple, \$505/single (non-residents add \$6) and includes: bus transportation, three nights accommodations, six meals, all attractions specified, baggage handling, all taxes and gratuities (except chambermaid).

The Vermont Transit bus will leave the center at 6:30 a.m. Monday and return at about 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

For more information call the Godnick Center at 773-1853.

Sculpture Sessions Starting at Chaffee

Sign up now for an Adult Sculpture Workshop sponsored by the Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts, 16 South Main St., Rutland.

Don Purdue, master sculptor, will conduct this six-week session for beginner, intermediate and advanced sculptors, ages 15 and up. Classes will be held Thursday, April 24-May 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center.

Students will learn to use blue foam as core material for three-dimensional, free-standing compositions.

Students will also learn to use a variety of surface modeling materials and discuss design development, bases and finishing. To register for this class or for more information, call Pam at the Chaffee Center at 775-0356 or stop in Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

The Chaffee is closed Tuesday.

Bus Trip Set to See 'The Odd Couple'

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Center is sponsoring a bus trip to see "The Odd Couple," starring Jamie Farr and William Christopher at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady, N.Y., April 14.

Registration begins Wednesday March 5, for city residents and Thursday, March 6, for non-residents at 9 a.m.

The fee of \$44 per person (non-residents add \$6) is payable at time of registration. The price includes transportation, dinner on your own at Red Lobster, and ticket for "The Odd Couple."

The Vermont Transit bus will leave the Center at 3:30 p.m. and return at approximately 12:30 a.m. For information call the Center at 773-1853.

Classes Are Offered At Recreation Center

Beat the winter thaw blues with one of the following classes offered by the Chaffee Center at the Dana Recreation Center on East Center Street in Rutland:

Clare Bornarth-Villars leads ages 10 through adult in the welcome spring activity of basket-making. Participants can create lovely woven baskets worthy of gift-giving or to put out for the Easter Bunny.

This workshop will be held March 8 and 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuition and materials are \$37 for non members, \$33.30 for members.

Student artists in grades 7 - 12 can still sign up for Young Artists Portfolio Development, taught by Jeannie Podolak, which will help young art enthusiasts get professional portfolios together for college or art school application, or for a job in arts, printing, graphics, design, etc. This course meets March 14 - April 18, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Also coming up in March is No More Cabin Fever, a parent-preschool child workshop in which kids and an adult will make a Fantasy Spring Garden of silly, sunny delights. This Saturday, March 29 workshop meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and costs \$8 for each pair of participants.

Oil Painting for the Novice or Intermediate is taught by acclaimed artist Rae Newell. This six-week course introduces beginners 15 and

older to preparation of surfaces, painting techniques and composition through a series of exercises. Tuition is \$75 for non-members, \$67.50 for members and meets Tuesdays, March 11 to April 22 (no class March 25).

For more information on these or other upcoming classes, call the Chaffee at 775-0356 Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

SNOWBALL

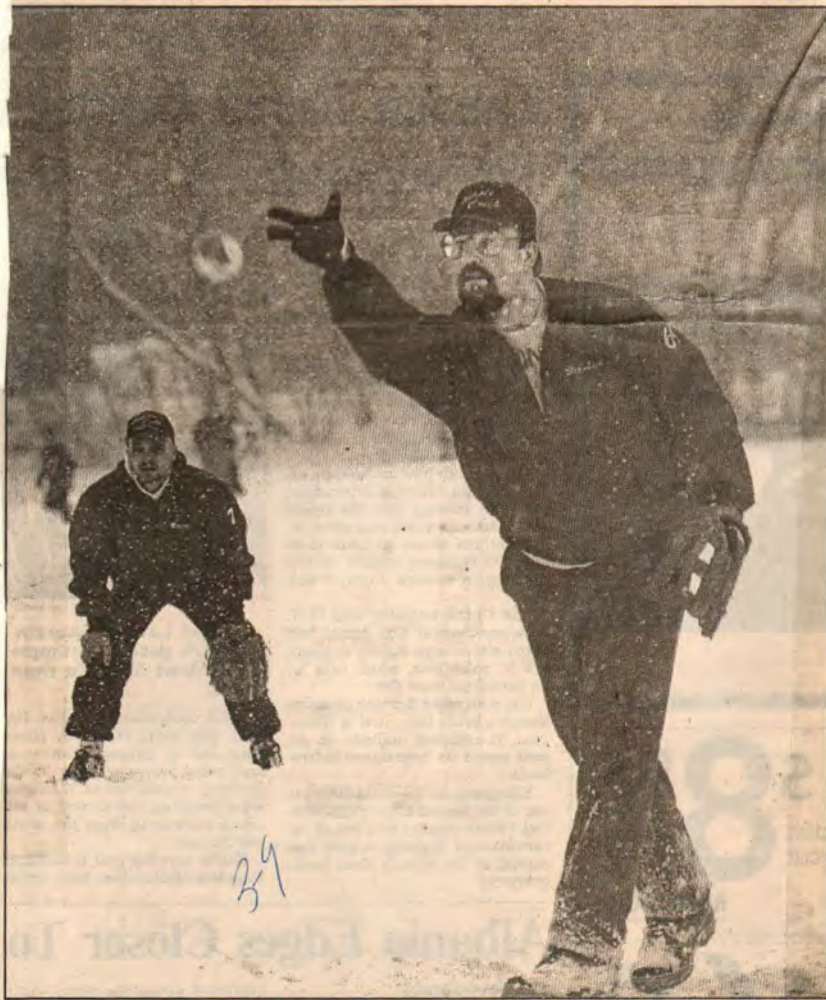


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Pitcher Paul Czarnecki heaves a softball toward home plate during Saturday's one-pitch tournament benefiting the March of Dimes. Seven teams tangled in the day-long tournament, held at Monsignor Connor Park in Rutland.

Senior Citizens 3-24

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will meet at the Godnick Senior Center Tuesday, March 25. It will be preceded by a bag lunch at 5 p.m. Entertainment will follow.

Farmers Market Set To Expand Schedule In New Depot Park

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

The Downtown Farmers Market will expand to three days a week this summer, settling into a permanent home in the newly refurbished Depot Park. The move will end two years of forced nomadism, when development projects pushed the market from one site to another.

The park will also be home to other events that promise to make the venue a hub of activity and, some officials say, a candidate for increased police patrols.

"Everybody is very excited about going back down to Depot Park," said Frank Gorham, president

"Depot Park will be a main target of quality-of-life

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But Courcelle also noted that the park's attractiveness may have a downside — it could become a hangout spot that would encourage what he called "quality of life" crimes such as petty vandalism or harassing pedestrians.

Those problems became rampant last summer, as the downtown in general became an area gathering spot. Police Chief Robert R. Holmes responded late in the summer by assigning a downtown foot patrol.

The program lasted only for the month of September, but Courcelle said it was a success that should be repeated through the warmer months this year. The Partnership has formally asked the city to set an officer on the beat, and plans a petition drive as well.

"We can anticipate that more people will want to use the park,"

"We're getting more and more people downtown — and with more traffic comes more responsibility," he said.

He added, however, that he would like to see the Partnership help defray some of the costs of a new patrol because "when you give particular attention to something, there is some

responsibility there, too."

But Courcelle said the Partnership had no plans to ante up.

"We believe the basic level of security downtown is the responsibility of the city," he said.

"The growth of downtown necessitates an actual police presence."

Show Boat' Trip Planned for July 2

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is planning to sponsor a bus trip to see "Show Boat" at the Wang Center in Boston, Mass.

The trip will leave for Boston at 7 p.m. on July 2 and return to Rutland at 11 a.m. on July 3. The cost of the trip is \$15.00 per person. For more information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 775-4857.

Bike Path

Transportation Planning and Research Associates Inc. has prepared a preliminary design for a 1.5-mile bike path, leaving the city with an \$83,000

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McCormack said if the city were to take over the project, the city's 10 percent share might be reduced significantly, because any work the city does can be credited as an in-kind

help.

"It isn't just a bike path; it's going to serve a lot of our community," Higgins said.

He added that he had come to the meeting expecting the aldermen to be looking for reasons to scuttle the project, but found something else

instead.

"I'm really impressed," Higgins said. "You really seem to be struggling with something that's for the people."

County Solid Waste District.

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"This project is worthy of taking from the Department of Public Works budget, from whatever capital budget you may have," Coppock said, noting that the city budgets \$390,000 for street paving alone.

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service.

If Coppock, for instance, took over management of the project and did not charge the city, McCormack said, the value of his time would still be credited as part of the local match.

Matthew Sternberg, director of the Rutland Redevelopment Authority, said that while in principle he believed the city should take over the project, some city officials were concerned they would not have the time or staff needed.

That prompted the committee members to call for another meeting that would include Superintendent of Public Works Warren Conner and Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg. McCormack promised to bring reports on the economic benefits bike paths have created in other Vermont towns.

Several interested citizens, including former Alderman Kevin B. Jones, attended the meeting.

One local resident, Mel Higgins, said the project should go forward, but added that supporters should beat the bushes to find private donors to

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland City Planning Board is sponsoring a chess tournament at the Wang Center, 400 State St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set

Play Bridge

Fast Forward, Duplicate Bridge Club has new game, Carvey's Restaurant, Meadowhaven Mall, Route 4A, 1 p.m., lunch available, singles welcome, for information call Pierce Smith, 775-4857.

Softball Hours

The Rutland City Adult Softball office hours are from 4-5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Dana Recreation Center on 39 East Street Center Street.

Commissioner Angelo Manieri will be on hand to answer questions and add players to your roster during these hours. Players can be added only during these hours and can be added up to a team's first game.

The softball office will begin new hours from 4-5 p.m. beginning May 9.

City Offered Option To Control Bike Path

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

The state has offered Rutland City the option to take over a proposed bike path project that would link the east side of town to the downtown district.

At a joint meeting of the aldermanic Recreation and Community Development Committees on Thursday, state Bike Path Coordinator Curt McCormack told the group that city control of the project could save thousands of dollars and reduce the project's time-line by two or three years.

"The agency is very concerned about how bad we look with our inability to build projects," McCormack told the group. "We want to get some projects built before we add new ones."

The first phase of the project — running from the College of St. Joseph to the north side of Otter Creek and then east to East Creek before turning north to Monsignor Conner Park — would cost about \$830,000, according to Joe Broemel, a consultant with the engineering firm of Dufresne and Henry.

Of that cost, the state would use federal transportation funds and state funds to cover 90 percent, leaving the city with an \$83,000

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State Bike Path Coordinator

bill, plus the expense of maintaining the path.

The second phase of the project — running from Monsignor Conner Park to State Street — would cost another \$235,000, according to Broemel's estimate.

Although aldermen appear generally to support the project, they are also wary of its already escalating price-tag: Back in 1992, the entire project was estimated to cost \$750,000.

David Coppock, a local resident who chairs a citizens committee working on the bike path

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McCormack said if the city were to take over the project, the city's 10 percent share might be reduced significantly, because any work the city does can be credited as an in-kind service.

If Coppock, for instance, took over management of the project and did not charge the city, McCormack said, the value of his time would still be credited as part of the local match.

Matthew Sternberg, director of the Rutland Redevelopment Authority, said that while in principle he believed the city should take over the project, some city officials were concerned they would not have the time or staff needed.

That prompted the committee members to call for another meeting that would include Superintendent of Public Works Warren Conner and Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg. McCormack promised to bring reports on the economic benefits bike paths have created in other Vermont towns.

Several interested citizens, including former Alderman Kevin B. Jones, attended the meeting.

One local resident, Mel Higgins, said the project should go forward, but added that supporters should beat the bushes to find private donors to

help.

"It isn't just a bike path; it's going to serve a lot of our community," Higgins said.

He added that he had come to the meeting expecting the aldermen to be looking for reasons to scuttle the project, but found something else instead.

"I'm really impressed," Higgins said. "You really seem to be struggling with something that's for the people."

Life Drawing Workshop Offered

On Tuesday, April 29, the Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts, 16 South Main St., Rutland, will conduct a Life Drawing Workshop for young adult art students, artists and art educators from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center Gym.

The workshop, open for students in grades 9-12, college students and adults, is designed to allow students to work with live models to learn fundamentals of drawing the human form, including proportion, composition, and the use of light and dark to create a sense of form and space.

Instructor Michael Heffernan will

also teach participants how to use models as images for "from memory" drawings and other exercises introducing visual thinking so artists are not simply copying a figure, but creating personal and original artwork.

To register for this workshop or for more information, call Pam at The Chaffee Center at 775-0356 or stop in Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Tuesday) or Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

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THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Street, 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Play Bridge

Fair Haven, Duplicate Bridge Club has new game, Carvey's Restaurant, Meadowhaven Mall, Route 4A, 1 p.m., lunch available, singles welcome, for information call Pierce Smith, 775-4857.

44 Softball Hours

The Rutland City Adult Softball office hours are from 4-5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Dana Recreation Center on 39 East Street. Commissioner Angelo Maniery will be on hand to answer questions and add players to your roster during these hours. Players can be added only during these hours and can be added up to a team's first game.

The softball office will begin new hours from 4-5 p.m. beginning May 9.

Farmers Market Set To Expand Schedule In New Depot Park

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

The Downtown Farmers Market will expand to three days a week this summer, settling into a permanent home in the newly refurbished Depot Park. The move will end two years of forced nomadism, when development projects pushed the market from one site to another.

The park will also be home to other events that promise to make the venue a hub of activity and, some officials say, a candidate for increased police patrols.

"Everybody is very excited about going back down to Depot Park," said Frank Gorham, president of the Rutland County Farmers Market.

"It's a great location and they've done a wonderful job on the park."

Gorham's group and the Vermont Farmers Market together make up the downtown troupe of farmers that last year shuttled through three different locations in the city.

This summer, the market will add Thursdays to its regular schedule of Tuesday and Saturday market days. And twice-a-week "Noon Tunes" concerts, formerly held in the Center Street Alley, will be relocated to Depot Park.

"We now have a venue downtown that is built for use," said Richard J. Courcelle, manager of the Rutland Partnership. "Because of its visibility and infrastructure — electricity, water, bike racks, benches, trash receptacles — it is a wonderful place to stage events."

Courcelle and Gorham both said the park's proximity to the new Wal-Mart should significantly boost the number of people who make use of the amenity.

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"Depot Park will be a main target of quality-of-life crimes ... but it is also correctable."

Richard Courcelle
Rutland Partnership

Park

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But Courcelle also noted that the park's attractiveness may have a downside — it could become a hangout spot that would encourage what he called "quality of life" crimes such as petty vandalism or harassing pedestrians.

Those problems became rampant last summer, as the downtown in general became an area gathering spot. Police Chief Robert R. Holmes responded late in the summer by assigning a downtown foot patrol.

The program lasted only for the month of September, but Courcelle said it was a success that should be repeated through the warmer months this year. The Partnership has formally asked the city to put an officer on the beat, and plans a petition drive as well.

"We can anticipate that more people will visit downtown than at any other time in recent memory," Courcelle said, adding to the need for a regular police presence. "Depot Park will be a main target of quality-of-life crimes ... but it is also correctable."

Holmes endorsed the proposal for a beat officer Tuesday, but he also cautioned that budgetary constraints may preclude the program.

The chief said he wants to assign an officer to downtown foot patrol eight hours a day, Monday through Friday.

"We are working on a plan to do that," Holmes said. "But before I commit to anything I want to make sure we have a full complement of people."

He noted that the department is currently understaffed by one officer, while federal funding for two other officers may dry up in the fiscal year at begins in July.

"We're getting more and more people downtown — and with more traffic comes more responsibility," he said.

He added, however, that he would like to see the Partnership help defray some of the costs of a new patrol because "when you give particular attention to something, there is some

responsibility there, too."

But Courcelle said the Partnership had no plans to ante up.

"We believe the basic level of security downtown is the responsibility of the city," he said.

"The growth of downtown necessitates an actual police presence."

Show Boat' Trip Planned for July 2

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Center is sponsoring a bus trip to see "Show Boat" at the Wang Center in Boston, Mass., Wednesday, July 2.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 3, for city residents and Friday, April 4, for non-residents. The fee of \$68 per person (non-residents add \$6) is payable at time of registration. The price includes transportation and ticket for "Show Boat" at the Wang Center.

Lunch will be on your own in Boston and dinner will be on your own at Applebee's in Keene, N.H. The Vermont Transit bus will leave the Godnick Center at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m.

For more information please call the center at 773-1853.

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Try Spring Aerobics At Dana Rec Center

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, under the guidance of Susan Classen, is offering a "Spring Aerobics Class" at the Dana Recreation Center on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., March 26-April 30.

There will be no class on April 23. Registration is now on-going at the Dana Recreation Center, located at 39 East Center St. Resident fee is \$15; non-resident fee is \$22.

Classes consist of an aerobic-step segment, strength work, abdominal work and cool down. Participants need to bring their own mats or towel.

Sports Scan

Hoop Tourney

Christ the King won the inaugural Rutland Recreation Department 5th Grade Basketball Tournament by defeating the Rutland Sonics in the championship game, 34-26.

The Neshobe Braves won the consolation game, 40-38 over Lothrop.

Selected to the All-Tournament Team were Wallingford's Ben Clark, Lothrop's Ethan Snyder, the Rutland Wildcats' Kris Robinson, West Rutland's Mark Poljakic, Christ the King's Brian Dallamura, Neshobe's Tim Scott, the Rutland Sonics' Kyle Massie and the Rutland Magic's Pat Collins.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

blink

Rutland, Children's Performing Arts Series presents "blink" juggling, dance and comedy designed to put juggling in a new light, all ages, gym at Dana Recreation Center, 2 p.m., free, 773-1860 or 773-1822.

ASA Tourney

The Vermont chapter of the American Softball Association announces the first Coors Light ASA Softball World Series. The state championship is scheduled for June 13-15 on Rutland City fields.

The state champion receives \$5,000 and advances to the national championship. The runner-up receives \$2,000 and the third-place team \$1,000.

The entry fee is \$200 and the tournament is for ASA registered teams classified C/D. Team not registered with the ASA in 1996 might be able to receive a berth. For information, call 802-863-2761.



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinskas

Finally, It Feels Like Spring

One-year-old Amanda Hadley (left), and Danielle Hadley, 2, enjoy Friday's sunny spring weather during a stroll in Rutland's rebuilt Depot Park.

Performing Arts Series for Children

The Children's Performing Arts Series, co-sponsored by Rutland Recreation and Parks Department and the Rutland Free Library, is oriented toward families and is free of charge.

The series offers Blink, unlike anything you've seen before. This innovative duo combines elements of dance, object manipulation, and silent comedy.

Minimal choreography underscores feats of juggling in an original show that escapes definition.

Blink has performed internationally, most recently completing successful tours of Great Britain, the Midwest and New England.

This program will be held at the Dana Recreation Center Saturday, April 26, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Beginning Bowling Basics

Held at the Rutland Bowlerama, Beginning Bowling Basics runs from April 14 through May 6 for a series of four classes. Ages 7-11 will attend Mondays from 3:30-5:30 p.m., ages 12-17 will attend Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and ages 18 and up will attend Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Rutland resident fee is \$25 and non-resident fee is \$32. A \$5 discount will apply if you register by April 8.

Health and Fitness

Karen Marallo will teach "Health and Fitness" for the inexperienced person who would like to learn health and fitness. Since each person will be taught on an individual basis, appointments are necessary.

Enjoy a warm and comfortable atmosphere. After signing up you will need to call to set up your appointment.

The course will be held at Vermont Martial Arts April 14 through May 10. Registration qualifies you for 25 days, Monday through Thursday, and Saturday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. This course is for ages 18 and up.

The cost of this course is \$55 for Rutland City residents and \$62 for non-residents. There is a \$5 discount if you sign up by April 7.

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Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignoe, 773-8556, new players welcome.

Streets Closed

Merchants Row and Strongs Avenue from Center Street to the southern end of City Hall will be closed from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, for the Bed Race. Rutland Plaza shoppers can access the plaza from Evelyn Street or use the entrance near Price Chopper.

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Bed Race

Rutland, "Soar Into Space" is the theme of this year's Rutland Bed Race. Prizes for the speediest bed and numerous other category prizes, Merchants Row, 1 p.m., annual event benefits Rutland County United Way.

Gymnastics, Totnastics Classes Start Soon

Gymnastics and Totnastics classes start soon, sponsored by the Recreation and Parks Department, 39 East Center St., Rutland. Deadline for registration is April 7.

Classes will be held at Northwest School on Saturdays, April 12-May 24 (no class May 17). Fees are \$22 for residents and \$29 for non-residents (\$5 discount deadline April 4). Instructor is Jim Lehman.

Gymnastics Section A, 5- to 7-year-olds, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Section B, 8- to 12-year-olds, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This program will include stretching, tumbling, uneven and parallel bars, balance beam and vaulting. Your child will learn the basics of gymnastics with an emphasis on improving personal skills while having a good time. Children must be in kindergarten.

Totnastics Ages 3 and 4, 9 to 10 a.m. Parents join your children having fun, while they are developing their gross motor skills through physical activities such as tag, ball games and parachute play, to name a few. This course fills quickly.

Martial Arts Class For Children 6-13

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering martial arts for children ages 6-13. The class will provide youngsters with some basic knowledge of martial arts.

Students will be introduced to some basic Karate stances, punches, blocks and kicks. Self-defense moves will also be introduced, teaching simple free and flee methods. The class will run from April 23 through May 28, Wednesdays, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Fees are \$27 for Rutland residents and \$34 for non-residents. Classes will be held at New England Martial Center. Mark Stockton will be the instructor. Registration is on-going at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland. For information call 773-1822.

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Softball Schedules

The Adult Softball League schedules can be picked up at the Dana recreation Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Rec Department Offers Two Classes

The Rutland Parks and Recreation Department is offering racquetball classes for beginners through advanced beginners. The classes will be held Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the College of St. Joseph for a period of six weeks beginning April 14.

The fee for Rutland residents is \$35, for non-residents it's \$42. The instructor is Jackie Vero. Class size is limited. Registration is on-going at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland. For further information call 773-1822.

Also being offered is Danaskinetics, an enlivening movement class which fluidly combines the inner awareness of yoga and chi kung with the soul of dance to music from around the world.

The program runs from April 16 through June 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evenings at the Dana Recreation Center. Fees are \$37 for residents and \$44 for non-residents. The instructor is Mary Anne Ries.

Registration is on-going at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland. For information call 773-1822.

Sports Scan

Softball Fields

The Rutland Recreation & Parks Department announces that Giorgetti, Meadow North and Meadow South softball fields are now open for the season.

Field permits are available at the recreation office at 39 East Center Street. Permits are issued on a Monday through Monday basis.

Foxwoods Casino Bus Trip Planned

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Center is sponsoring a bus trip to Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard, Conn., Wednesday, May 21. Registration is now on-going at the

Godnick Adult Center.

The fee of \$34 per person (non-residents add \$6) is payable at time of registration.

The price includes transportation, entry to Foxwoods Casino and dinner at the Old Country Buffet. The Vermont Transit bus will leave the Godnick Center at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m.

For more information, please call the Godnick Center at 773-1853.

Bed Race Theme: 'Soar Into Space'

"Soar Into Space" is the theme of this year's Rutland Bed Race.

Hosted by the Rutland Parks and Recreation Department, Green Mountain College and the Rutland Partnership, this annual event raises money for the Rutland County United Way. This year's race will be held Saturday, May 3, at 1 p.m. on Merchants Row.

Beds on wheels are pushed down the street by four drivers, with one rider on the bed, racing for the fastest time. Prizes will be awarded to the speediest bed in each of four divisions: corporate, private non-profit, college and independent.

There will also be numerous prizes awarded for various bed decoration categories. In addition, raffle tickets are being sold for an open water scuba certification course from Morin's Dive Center, as well as tickets for a queen-size mattress and box spring set from Rutland Bedrooms.

If you are interested in participating in this year's race as a participant or a sponsor, you can contact the United Way (773-7477), Rutland Recreation and Parks (773-1822), The Rutland Partnership (773-9380), or Green Mountain College (287-8244) for more information. T-shirts will be given to the first 13 teams to register.

Rec Department Offers New Classes

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering the following classes.

Chess Club: Interested in chess? This is a chance to learn and play. You will need to pre-register for the program. If you have your own chess set, please bring it with you. This club meets at the Dana Recreation Center, Room 1, on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m., April 28 to Aug. 25. There is no fee for this program and it is open to all ages.

Martial Arts: This course, for ages 6-13, will provide youngsters with some basic knowledge of the martial arts. The students will be introduced to some basic Karate stances, punches, blocks and kicks. Self-defense moves will also be introduced, teaching simple free-and-flee methods. The class will run April 23 through May 28, on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Fees are \$27 for Rutland residents and \$34 for non-residents. The classes will be held at New England Martial Arts Center. Mark Stockton is the instructor.

Girls' Softball: We are extremely interested in continuing to develop a softball program for young women 10-13 years old. Teams will be formed through a draft process after a mandatory player evaluation at Giorgetti Park Saturday, May 10, at 9 a.m. We need coaches; if you are interested in becoming a coach or an assistant please contact EJay Bishop at 773-1822. Once teams have been selected, coaches will notify players about practice and game schedules. Eligibility: Must turn 10 on or before Aug. 31 and cannot turn 14 before Sept. 1. Fees are \$25 for residents and \$32 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will apply if you register by April 18.

Senior Girls' Softball: For girls ages 14-17. You will play in a league consisting of teams from around the county. Once the teams have been selected, coaches will notify players about practice and game schedules. A mandatory player evaluation will take place at Giorgetti Park May 10 at 9 a.m. Fees are \$30 for residents and \$37 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will apply if you register by April 18.

U6 Soccer: Due to popular demand, we've added another age group for the child who can't wait to start learning and playing soccer. Fun games to teach the basics will be followed by small sided play during this hour-long introduction to the world of soccer. This six-week program will be held at Monsignor Conner Park from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays, beginning April 26. Teams, schedules and shirts for the U6 program will not be distributed until the second week of the program. Teams for these programs will be made up by random computer selection. No program May 24. Any cancellations will be added on at the end of the program. Eligibility: Must turn 4 by Aug. 1 and can't turn 6 before Aug. 1. Fees are \$17 for residents and \$24 for non-residents. Lab fee is \$5. Director is Mike Kinsler.

U8-U10 Soccer: Each week your child will spend approximately 30 minutes playing fun skill games designed to help develop the necessary foundation to enjoy the game of soccer. The remaining hour will focus on small sided matches to enhance the total experience of soccer. This six-week program will be held at Monsignor Conner Park, April 26 - June 7. No program May 24. U8 will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m., U10 will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Eligibility for U8: Must turn 6 by Aug. 1 and can't turn 8 before Aug. 1. Fees for the U8 program are \$23 for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

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Eligibility for U10: Must turn 8 by Aug. 1 and can't turn 10 before Aug. 1.

Children who are 9 and wish to play in the U12 age group must attend the evaluation at Monsignor Conner Park April 19 at 11 a.m. Fees for the U10 program are \$25 and \$32 for non-residents. Lab fee is \$5.

Registration is on-going at the Dana Recreation Department, 39 East Center St., Rutland. For further information call 773-1822.

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THE Rutland Recreation & Parks Department is accepting applications from motivated individuals interested in Summer employment as lifeguards at White's Pool. Candidates must have valid Water Safety Instructor Certification. Applications may be picked up at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland, Vermont. Telephone 802-773-1822. Competitive Wages paid. Deadline: May 9th.

Senior Games

The Rutland Recreation Department and the Godnick Adult Center will host their third annual Green Mountain Senior Games May 14, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The games will include events such as track & field, shuffleboard, croquet, precision walk and softball.

The games will begin at 9:15 a.m. The registration fee is \$8, including the barbeque at noon.

For more information, contact the Godnick Adult Center at 1 Deer Street at 802-824-6521.



Don't Blink!

If you did, you might have missed something when "blink" performed its brand of post-modern juggling before a huge crowd Saturday at Rutland's Dana Recreation Center.

Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Sports Scan

Baseball

Rutland County Senior and Junior baseball leagues for this summer are now forming. The leagues consist of teams from around Rutland County.

Junior League is for players aged 13-14 (anyone born after Sept. 1, 1982 and on or before Aug. 31, 1984). Senior League is for players aged 15-17 (anyone born on or after Sept. 1, 1979 and on or before Aug. 31, 1982).

The program is open to Rutland City residents. The fee is \$30, with a \$5 discount for those registered by May 16.

For further information, call the Rutland Recreation Department at 773-1822.

Youth Baseball

An organizational meeting of the Rutland County Youth Baseball League will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at Rutland Town School on Post Road.

A representative of any town interested in entering a team in the league must be present. For more information call Stan Blicharz at 775-2887.

Downtown City Park Board-Free

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

Skateboarders zoomed to the top of the Rutland City's agenda this week, as the art of locomotion on a strip of wood and four wheels was banned from Depot Park, and city officials considered new regulations that could be adopted next week.

Leif Dahlin, the superintendent of parks and recreation, on Wednesday plastered Depot Park with notices that skateboarding was prohibited and could result in civil fines or even the ultimate indignity — confiscation of the board itself.

Dahlin said the park, which recently underwent a total makeover was being damaged skateboarding.

(See Page 14: Skateboard)



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinckas

Dwayne Vukoder of Brandon grudgingly obeys a new sign Wednesday banning skateboarding in Rutland's newly refurbished Depot Park. "Look at these kids," he said of the skateboarders. "They're not hurting anyone."

Skateboard

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"The curbing is being broken up. ... That's unfortunately what skateboarding does," he said. "I'm just amazed at how much damage has been done and if it's continued this brand-new, beautiful park would be a shambles."

Under existing ordinances that prohibit, among other things, "dangerous games" or "boisterousness" outside designated areas, Dahlin can ask police to hand offenders a civil citation that can range from \$100 for a first offense to a maximum of \$500.

"I suspect that they'll issue a warning initially to educate the young people that it's now happened," Dahlin said. "If they persist and continue to be disobedient then it's time to bring down the hammer."

One alderman said, however, that he did not believe skateboards were responsible for the damage.

Alderman Christopher C. Louras — who has two skateboarding sons — said he had inspected the park and found only paint marks from skateboards. Any physical damage,

he said, was made by cars or snowplows on the park's perimeter.

The aldermanic Charter and Ordinance Committee, meanwhile, will propose new regulations that would allow police to take action against skateboarders anywhere in the downtown "special benefits district."

The proposal would not amount to an outright ban on skateboarding downtown, but it would require that skateboarders give pedestrians the right-of-way and obey other rules of the road.

Civil penalties would start with a written warning to an offender and, if a minor, the offender's parent. Subsequent offenses would start at \$25 and rise to \$500. A skateboard could also be confiscated "as evidence" until the penalty is paid.

Alderman Frank Zetelski, a committee member, had balked at a complete ban. "We need to fix the problem that exists," he said. "I also feel very strongly that it's not fair to punish or penalize people that don't abuse the privilege."

Alderman Sharon A. Davis, who chairs the committee, said she was concerned the proposed ordinance might not be sufficient to the task.

"I'm not sure that's going to be enough," Davis said. "If it works, great; if it doesn't then we've got to revisit it."

Zetelski said if the regulations do not take care of the problem, then he would consider a total ban on skateboarding downtown.

Dahlin said he hoped better promotion of "Zero Gravity," the skateboard and in-line skating program at Giorgetti Park, would be an attractive alternative for board enthusiasts.

Although the program makes use of a city facility, it is run by a private group; Dahlin acknowledged the \$100-per-season price tag was a deterrent for some youths last year.

"We're going to do payment plans — in fact there was one last year but it was poorly promoted," Dahlin said. "Young people for five bucks a week will be able to skate to their heart's content."

Farmer's Market To Open May 10

The Downtown Farmer's Market will open the 1997 season in its new home in Depot Park in downtown Rutland Saturday, May 10, at 9 a.m.

The Downtown Farmer's Market will expand operations to three days a week for the 1997 season in a newly refurbished Depot Park.

The Downtown Farmer's Market is comprised of the Rutland County Farmer's Market and the Vermont

Farmer's Market, and is sponsored by both markets, Rutland Partnership, and the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department.

For 1997, the market will operate Saturdays from May 10 through Oct. 25, Tuesdays from June 10 through Oct. 28, and Thursdays from May 15 through Sept. 25. Hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Downtown Farmer's Market features a wide range of products including agricultural goods, crafts, baked goods, food products and flowers, all produced in Vermont.

For more information on the Downtown Farmer's Market, contact Frank Gorham at 438-2243 or Pam Green at 287-9433.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Rutland Rec Adult Softball

Men's B: Keith's Lil' J's vs. Affordable Cleaners/Center St. Saloon, JFC
Men's C: Nailers vs. Price Orthodontics, MF
Men's D: Phillips & Sons vs. Cripple Creek, MS
Men's E: VAC vs. Buccaneers, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Women's B: Two Sheas vs. Wayne's Body Shop, MS 7:45 p.m.
Women's C: Cass's Pub vs. Jilly's, MN
Women's D: Cottrell's Builders vs. Hogge Penny, MN, NE

Rutland City Softball

Men's B: Dart Mart 18, Points Boys 2
Men's C: Reds 12, GE Yellow Jackets 0
Men's D: Reds 15, CVPS Rec Club 7
Men's E: Two Sheas 15, Hugues 13
Women's C: Tapes 16, Melchers 2

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Benefit Tourney

The fifth annual Hannaford Softball Tournament to benefit the Northeast School Playground Committee will be held June 7-8 at the J. Fred Carbine and Max Fineberg fields at Northeast School.

The cost of the tournament will be \$100 per team and the tourney is limited to the first 16 teams. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams and shirts will be given to the top team.

This will be a double elimination tournament which will also include a home run derby.

Contact Rupert or Bob at 775-3460 by May 31 for more information.



Street Talk

By Alan J. Keays

Q.

"Should Rutland City police take steps to regulate skateboarding on downtown sidewalks and Depot Park?"



A. "No. It should be allowed. Skateboarders should use common sense ... I read in the paper where they said skateboarders are ripping up the curbs and stuff in the park. Sometimes I skate in the park. You can't rip up concrete with a wooden skateboard."

Ace Nevoir
Rutland City



A. "Yes, as long as they find an alternate place for the kids to skateboard."

Peter Cooper
Rutland City



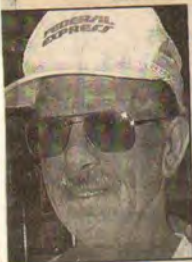
A. "No, because they're not hurting anyone."

Marissa Williams
Rutland City



A. "Yes they should. I've been run over by a few of them in my lifetime. They shouldn't be on the sidewalks."

Sharon Wescott
Danby



A. "I think they should because a lot of seniors use the sidewalks and when these (skateboarders) get going at a good clip they could kill somebody."

Clayton Tanner
Wallingford

Adult Softball

Wednesday's Results

Men's B: Paint Boys 7, Affordable Cleaning Center 5
Men's C: Jilly's 9, Reds 7
Men's D: Phillips & Sons 9, CYPs Rec. Club 8
Men's E: American Legion 7, Buccaneers 6 (8 innings)
Women's B: Bud Lite 14, Wayne's Body Shop 0
Women's C: R&S vs. Jilly's, MS. 8:50 p.m.
Late Tuesday Games
Men's C: Center Street Saloon 14, Lindholm 10
Women's C: Cotsup Builders 18, Tapes 15

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League

Elks 14, Moose 8. Winning pitcher: Colin Temple.
Hitting stars: Brian Kussel and Brent Garrow.
Edson Raiders 15, First Vermont Bank 1. Winning pitcher: Danny Fitzgerald (also hit a home run). Hitting stars: team effort.



Photo by Albert J. Marro

Mattresses In Motion

The Wal-Mart Star Wars team, left, struggles after its front wheels fell off during the annual bed race on Merchants Row in Rutland Saturday. The event benefited the United Way of Rutland.

Sports Scan

Crowley Race

The Rutland City Rotary Club and the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department are happy to announce that the Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race will be held Sunday, June 8, at 9 a.m.

The race course will continue to be the traditional Proctor to Rutland 10-K route. A significant change to this year's race is the involvement of the Rutland City Rotary Club. The Rotary Club has adopted this as a community project where the proceeds will be used to benefit the Rotary Park's projects. Shirts will be given to the first 75 registrants. For more information and registration forms contact the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, 39 E. Center St., Rutland, 05701 or call us at 773-1822. Also, read the Rutland Herald for updates and registration forms.

This race is sponsored by Albank and the Rutland Herald.

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Adult Softball

Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Keith's HJilly's, MF. 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Renegades vs. Mr. C's/Midas, MS. 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: Tyler's Team vs. Cripple Creek, JFC. 6:30 p.m.
Men's E: Piazza Delight vs. VAC, MN. 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Jilly's vs. Two Shear's, MS. 6:00 p.m.
Women's C: CarlMart vs. Uncle Sam's, MS. 8:50 p.m.

Soccer

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While the philosophy of spring soccer programs does not clash with baseball and lacrosse teams, problems arise because there are simply not enough facilities to go around.

Barre Recreation Program director Stephanie Quaranta has an article that she keeps handy from a mid-west publication called "The Never Ending Season." The article speaks to the issue of sports played out of season and the limited facilities those sports vie for.

"It's a story that tells of athletes and all this pressure on them to keep up with the rest of the country," Quaranta explains. "These sports raise havoc with recreation departments who don't have the facilities. Those you have, you like to give to spring sports teams."

Mike Kinsler, the Rutland High School girls' soccer coach, who runs the spring youth soccer programs for the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, holds sessions at the Meadow St. field — a facility that includes back-to-back softball fields.

On Saturday mornings, he runs his younger groups — under-six, under-eight and under-10 in the morning in 90-minute sessions. In the afternoon, he runs similar sessions for under-12 and under-14 groups.

"The biggest conflict we have is with the city softball leagues," said Kinsler. "But the Recreation Department has done a great job of working that out so that we can share the fields."

Hutchins recognizes that there is competition for facilities in Barre among the various sports. He also acknowledges that since it is "their season," baseball and lacrosse teams should have the "first pick of fields."

"We'll use whatever is given us," said Hutchins. "We have one dedicated field in Barre Town and then share some fields. But we practice in parking lots, barns and garages. The city elementary schools and the town's elementary school have been generous about giving their space and facilities. There is also an indoor facility the Green Mountain Indoor Sports Center."

Hutchins explains that the indoor facility in Essex has two indoor fields and two outdoor fields and is almost in constant use.

Rutland's premier teams have forged a different patch.

The premier program is in the second year of its existence according to Andrea MacLauchlan, president of the board of directors of the Rutland County Soccer Club.

"We were faced with kids that wanted to play soccer at a higher level, so we could either drive to Burlington or Weston or start a club," said MacLauchlan. "We needed to see what the interest was and needed a field."

MacLauchlan spent time talking to realtors and looking around the county. She talked to Bill Wolfe, who leases a



Photo by Chuck Clarino

Young athletes take part in drills at practice for the Rutland County Soccer League Saturday.

field from Hathaway Farms for polo, and worked out a deal to use the polo field for the premier teams.

"Basically, our season is winding down just as the polo season is picking up," said MacLauchlan. "We can co-exist with the polo club."

The lower level Recreation Programs, especially for younger kids are set up where there is instruction for half the time of the session and game playing the other half. The programs for kids under 10 are simply instructional and to help them develop love of the game and skills needed to play. Competition or games do not factor in. Travel is out, until they get older.

"We don't keep track of scoring or statistics, it's purely fun," said Kinsler. "We teach them the game of soccer and to have a good time."

Like youth league hockey, the higher the age level, the more travel is involved.

Greater Rutland County Soccer League plays games on Saturday afternoons for six or seven weeks, then tops the year with a round-robin tournament at the Polo Field.

Barre Amateur Soccer plays nine games and caps the season with a jamboree on Memorial Day weekend. Hutchins says that the cost is \$50 per participant and that includes a uniform, equipment and the cost of getting into a couple of tournaments. Hutchins gives a thankful nod to the Barre Youth Sports Association, which allows the program to its use equipment.

The premier program is structured differently. Lord explains that each coach sets up games for his team and as well as practices. Some teams are more competitive than others.

MacLauchlan says there is a \$15 registration fee for all participants, which will get insurance and a club T-shirt. But to be accepted on a roster, the

cost is about \$175 per participant. That price includes fees for coaching time, expenses, field maintenance and entry fees to tournaments. She also says that there is a scholarship fund so that kids won't be shut off because of lack of funds.

"The first year of the club was a learning experience, we had absolutely

nothing to go on," said MacLauchlan. "You learn things, like you go to a tournament beyond your reach so you can see how high you can reach."

That is pretty much spring soccer in a nutshell: kids that love to play the game, reaching to learn more about it, improving their skills and having a good time doing it.

Adult Inline Skate Lessons in Rutland

Adult inline skate classes are scheduled to begin Sunday, May 25, at Zero Gravity Skate Park, Giorgetti Park Pavilion, Rutland. The classes run from 6 to 9 p.m., and will continue on Sunday evenings into July for a full series of nine sessions.

David Goodspeed and Frank Sparrow will be the instructors.

The lessons will showcase the modern sport of recreational inline skating. All levels of experience will be accommodated.

Participants may register for the full series of nine classes at \$7.50 per class, or attend single classes for \$10 each. Registration information is available from Zero Gravity Skate Park, Giorgetti Park, Preville Avenue, Rutland, 775-7976.

Crowley Race

There is still time to register for the Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race which will be held on Sunday, June 8 at 9 a.m. The race course will continue the traditional Proctor-to-Rutland 10-K course.

A significant change to this year's event is the involvement of the Rutland City Rotary Club. The club has adopted the race as a project and the proceeds will be used to benefit Rotary park projects.

Registration is \$12 on or before May 30 and \$14 thereafter. Awards will be given in various age groups and for overall male and female winner.

For more information and/or registration forms, contact the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, 39 East Center Street in Rutland or call 773-1822.

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THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland. A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Rutland Adult Softball

Tuesday's Games

Men's B: Johnson Energy/Sabby's vs. Dart Mel
Men's MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Renegades vs. Price Orthodontics, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: Kids Tavern vs. Cripple Creek, MF, 8:30 p.m.
Men's E: Ranch Sluggers vs. Pizza Delight, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Women's B: WJWR vs. Jilly's, JFC, 8:30 p.m.
Women's C: R.S. & Carbine vs. Hogge Penny Inc, MN, 8:30 p.m.

Youth Soccer Popular Despite Full Slate Of Seasonal Sports

By CHUCK CLARINO
Staff Writer

The advent of spring used to mean that the snow has melted, the flowers perk up and kids take to the fast-greening fields to play the game of baseball or softball.

That's not the case anymore. April showers still come with regularity, thawing the earth so the crocuses, daffodils and tulips bloom in May. But in recent years, baseball teams have had to share the open fields with lacrosse clubs.

Now there is yet another sport that is coming on strong in the spring: soccer.

Youth league, club level and premier team soccer has burgeoned in Vermont over the past few years, to the point where it is attracting big numbers of participants.

Spring soccer is booming and booming around the state and here are just a few examples.

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In Rutland, the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department runs youth programs for over 500 kids from ages 5-13. There is also a Greater Rutland County Soccer League for junior high and high school youngsters, where town teams play each other in home-and-home series around the county throughout the spring.

In addition, kids ages 13-18 can tryout and play on premier soccer teams. These teams draw the best of the older kids for four boys' teams and three girls' teams that play

"Fall is the competitive high school season, but spring is the competitive youth season."

Paul Hutchins of the Barre Amateur Soccer Club

other premier teams around the state.

Statewide, premier soccer, which is associated with the U.S. Youth Soccer Association, has cropped up in the past five years. There are two teams in the Burlington area and one in Londonderry, Springfield, Hartford, Bennington and Addison County, as well as Rutland.

In Barre, the Barre Amateur Soccer Club has nine teams involving approximately 160 kids aged 9-18 playing soccer. Those teams play in the Champlain Valley Soccer League that includes 168 teams statewide.

At the top of the spring soccer pyramid stands the Olympic Development team. This take the best players from around the state in the high school age division to play competitive soccer against other states.

There is a clear pecking order. The Olympic Development team is the top level run by high school and college coaches in the state. The premier team is selected from the clubs and the youth teams feed the clubs.

"Fall is the competitive high school season, but spring is the competitive youth season," said Paul Hutchins of the Barre Amateur Soccer Club. "In the fall, we're strict about equal playing time, but it's a short season. The spring program is competitive to bring the most interested kids and coaches to the next level."

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All of this soccer is designed not to compete with traditional spring sports like baseball and lacrosse. It is meant to provide another athletic alternative to kids that want to learn the game of soccer or improve their skills.

"Every kid doesn't play or even want to play baseball," said Mike Lord, the head coach of the Rutland County Soccer Club, the name for Rutland's premier soccer program. "Our philosophy is that until school is out, baseball comes first. We do not want to take kids away from high school athletic programs."

Hutchins claims that many of the athletes that participate in his program are involved with both baseball and lacrosse.

"We don't make them make a choice," said Hutchins. "Lacrosse is very popular here (in the Barre area) and we have some kids that are playing lacrosse, baseball, AAU basketball and soccer concurrently. Those particular kids tend to be the better athletes because of that and they are not limited."

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A Modest New Proposal

I have been reading about the problem with skateboards and the downtown park and have come up an idea.

The idea is not only do you ban skateboards at the park, but you also ban children from the park, and downtown, as well as the city.

Anytime a young couple wants to have a child, they are told to move out as children aren't allowed.

Just kidding, of course.

If the skateboards are causing damage to the concrete, then it must be a poor grade of concrete. That park is for anyone and everyone, not just our senior citizens who sit there and watch the grass grow.

You build a city and its future on children, as they are our future. You keep taking away from them (our children) and soon all you will have is senior citizens to support this city.

I have been an advocate for children's rights all my life and have never seen such negativism toward children as from this town. You people and the Board of Alderman beware, as these children you are hurting will someday vote, and they will remember you.

Making a child go all the way to Giorgetti Park to skate, and then charge them, is ridiculous. Take your hands out of their pockets and start giving back to the children. This town doesn't go to ballgames to watch our children and to support them, but they sure know how to take away.

Well, I tell you what, I am 54 years old and have never been on a skateboard, but I am going to buy one and skate at the park, the park may taxes paid for, and I dare anyone to stop me.

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In-Line Skating

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is now accepting registrations for Adult In-Line. All levels of ability are taught from basics to advanced skills.

The classes will be held on Sundays from June 1 to Aug. 3 with a warm-up beginning at 6 p.m. and a cool down from 8:30-9 p.m.

Fees for the class are \$67 for residents and \$74 for non-residents. There is an additional insurance charge of \$10 if you do not hold a membership at the park.

Registration is on-going at the Dana Recreation Center on 39 East Center Street in Rutland.

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League
Edson Raiders 7, Moose 6. Winning pitcher: Anthony Palori. Hitting star: Palori with two home runs.
Eagles 18, Rotary South 4. Pitching stars: Jason Delpha and Scott Graham. Hitting stars: Delpha and Matt Hiller.
Rutland Fuel 9, Elks 7. Winning pitcher: Kyle Massie. Hitting stars: Jim Fitzsimmons and John O'Malley.

'Guys and Dolls' Is Trip Destination

The Rutland Recreation and Park Department's Godnick Adult Center is sponsoring a mini-van trip to Weston Playhouse July 2 to see "Guys and Dolls."

Registration is now on-going at the Godnick Adult Center. The cost is \$23 per person, and includes transportation and a ticket to see "Guys and Dolls." The van will leave the Godnick Center at 1 p.m. and will return to the center at about 6 p.m. Tickets are limited so early registration is advised.

For more information call the Godnick Adult Center at 773-1853.



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Crowley Race

Registration for this Sunday's Crowley Road Race will begin at 7 a.m. at the AIBank drive-through in Rutland. The race, which kicks off in Proctor, will begin at 9 a.m.

Adult In-Line

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering adult in-line skating on Monday nights through Oct. 20 from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

The cost per night is \$3 and passes are available at the following rates: season, \$40; 10-day, \$20; five-day, \$10.

The in-line hockey program uses a border patrol system; all participants need to have mandatory safety equipment, such as helmets, padded gloves, elbow pads, shin guards and mouth guards. Registration is on-going at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

Aldermen Regulate Skateboard Activities

By FREDERICK BEVER
Herald Staff

The Board of Aldermen Monday adopted a resolution calling for the state to collect any new taxes it may impose as part of education-funding reform.

In a unanimous vote, the board adopted a revised version of the resolution originally proposed by Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg, vowing that the city would resist any responsibility for collecting a statewide property tax if such is enacted.

Some aldermen noted they were not opposed to a state property tax, but felt the state should take on related collection and administrative duties rather than forcing municipalities to do so. During committee hearings on the resolution some board members — including Aldermen Frank H. Zetelski and John P. Cassarino — said they were also opposed to the local income tax proposed by the House.

The motion passed with little debate on Monday. Another proposal — to regulate skateboarding downtown — also passed unanimously, although not without debate.

Under the regulations proposed by the Charter and Ordinance Committee, skateboarding and similar activities such as in-line skating or roller skiing — would be subject to requirements to yield the right-of-way to cars or pedestrians.

Violators could be cited by police for fines ranging from \$25 for the first infraction after a warning, up to \$500 for multiple infractions.

"It's really an issue of enforcement," said Alderwoman Sharon A. Davis.

Alderman Christopher C. Louras balked at one component of the proposal: a complete ban on skateboarding in Depot Park. Louras argued that if there were to be a ban, it should be on downtown sidewalks, where skateboarders may collide with shoppers.

But Zetelski countered the regulations should give police the leeway they needed to make sure skateboarders who were not careful on downtown sidewalks would find themselves fined. And Davis noted

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Aldermen

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that the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation already has authority to ban skateboards from city parks, as he has done at Depot Park.

Also on Monday night, the board approved creation of a special committee to consider the need for a new police station and renovations at City Hall. A bond proposal that would have funded those efforts failed at the polls two months ago, and Cassarino said he wanted the new committee to act as quickly and efficiently as possible with an eye to putting the issue before voters again.

Davis will head the new committee, joined by Louras and appointees by the mayor, the Police Commission and Cassarino. The proposal included a request for \$7,500 to finance studies of the situation. And the aldermen approved a \$52,500 contract for a local architectural firm to design a passenger depot for Amtrak's Ethan Allen train service to the city. The firm, Nimtz, Figiel and Berryhill, will be paid from federal funds earmarked for the project.

Several aldermen threw in their own ideas for the project. Zetelski proposed creating a museum dedicated to Rutland's train history at the site, and Alderman William F. Gillam noted that many people in the area have artifacts from the period that might be donated to the project. Matthew Sternberg, director of the Rutland Redevelopment Authority, promised to investigate the possibilities. Questioned by Louras on how the station would be managed and maintained, Sternberg said there were three possibilities:

- ◆ Management by Amtrak, which would take over the facility.
- ◆ Management by the city, with costs covered by renting space to private concerns such as car rental agencies or ski areas.
- ◆ Management by a yet-to-be-determined third party, such as the Marble Valley Regional Transit District.

Friday's Events

State Tournaments
See playoff pairings
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's C: Nallers 13, Jilly's 11
Men's C: Lindholm's vs. Mr. C's/Midas. No score
Men's D: CVPS vs. Kicks, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: Two Sheas vs. C.J.'s/Commercial Times 5
Women's C: Tapa's 21, Ryan, Smith & Carbine 1
Women's C: Cotrup's 7, Magoo's/Stoplight 0

Saturday's Events

State Tournaments
See playoff pairings
Rutland Midway League
Edson Raiders 12, K&C 11. Winning pitcher: Anthony Patroft. Hitting stars: Brad Basso, Vinnie Doaner.
Rutland County Youth League
Proctor Red Sox & Rutland Town Rangers 4. Winning pitcher: Josh Upson. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Tomorrow

6:20
THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday's Results

Softball
Division IV
Whittingham 10, Whittington 4
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Affordable Cleaners/Center St. 22, Johnson Energy/Sabby's 21
Men's C: SD's 5, Reds 3
Men's D: C.J.'s No. 1 17, Two Sheas 4
Men's E: Buccaneers 9, Ranch Suggers 8
Women's C: Hogge Penny 16, Cripple Creek 0
Wednesday's Late Game
Women's B: Wayne's 14, WJLR 8

Friday's Events

State Tournaments
See playoff pairings
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's C: Nallers vs. Jilly's, MF
Men's C: Lindholm's vs. Mr. C's/Midas, Go
Men's D: CVPS vs. Kicks, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: C.J.'s/Commercial Times vs. Two Sheas, JFC, 8:30 p.m.
Women's C: Tapa's vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Women's C: Cotrup's vs. Magoo's/Stoplight, NE

Organizations

Seniors Council

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will hold its next regular meeting Tuesday, June 24, at the Rutland Senior Center after a bag lunch at 5 p.m. Entertainment and a social follow. Members may sign up for a catered supper scheduled for July 22.

Thursday's Events

American Legion Baseball
Fair Haven at Bellows 5 p.m.
Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: Carey's vs. KC's, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Reds vs. Lindholm's, Go
Men's D: Feds vs. C.J.'s/Commercial Times, JFC
Men's E: Cam's Reds vs. Seward Sales/Timber's Edge, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Women's B: BRP/Thunder vs. Road runners, MF
Women's C: Metzger Brothers vs. Cripple Creek, NE

Youth Leagues

Senior Babe Ruth
Rutland VFW & West Rutland 5. Winning pitcher: Josh Polgar. Hitting stars: David Larson, Matt Socia, Garrett Griffin.

Today

6:23
THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, A chance to learn and play chess at Dismal Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Thursday's Results

American Legion Baseball
Rutland 11, Fair Haven 0
Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: Carey's 12, KC's 5
Men's C: Reds 10, Lindholm's 4
Men's E: Seward Sales/Timber's Edge 14, Cam's Reds 10
Women's B: Road Runners 19, BRP/Thunder 1
Women's C: Metzger Brothers 11, Cripple Creek 7

Friday's Events

American Legion Baseball
Barnet at Waterbury
Track & Field
Heptathlon/Decathlon at Bellows Falls
Rutland Rec Softball
Men's C: Mr. C's/Midas vs. Price Orthodontics, Go
Men's D: C.J.'s No. 1 vs. Cripple Creek, JFC
Men's E: DOD's vs. American Legion, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Women's C: Cass' Pub vs. Magoo's/Stoplight, MF

Sports Scan

Girls Hoop

Dan McGraw the women's basketball coach at the College of Saint Joseph, will head this summer's Rutland Recreation Department-sponsored girls' basketball camps.

Two sessions will be held. The session for grades 7-12 will be held July 14-18, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The fee will be \$72 for Rutland residents and \$79 for non-residents.

The sessions for grades 4-6 will be held July 21-25 from 9 a.m.-noon each day, with the fees set at \$42 and \$49.

Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St. For further information, call 773-1822.

Today

6:19
THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Junior League
Brandon 9, Ludlow 5. Winning pitcher: Jesse Carswell. Hitting stars: team effort, sportie.

Monday's Events

Rutland Recreational Softball
Men's B: Affordable Cleaners/Center St. Saloon vs. KC's Tavern, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets vs. Mr. C's/Midas, JFC
Men's D: Phillips & Sons vs. C.J.'s/Commercial Times, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's E: Buccaneers vs. Seward's Sales/Timber's Edge, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Women's B: Wayne's Body Shop vs. Road Runners, GO
Women's C: Tapa's vs. Uncle Sam's, NE
Women's C: Cotrup's Builders vs. Cripple Creek, MN

Baseball

Rutland Midway League		
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Suburban Propane	8	0
JAFF	7	1
Edson's Raiders	6	3
Kowans	5	3
Rutland Fuel	4	3
K of C	4	3
Elks	4	5
First Vermont	2	5
Eagles	2	6
Moose	1	6
Pony South	1	7



Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Batter's Up

Aaron Bloomer is all concentration as he waits for the ball at Giorgetti Park Saturday.

Midget League			
Edson Raiders 8, Elks 5. Winning pitcher: Dan Fitzgerald. Hitting stars: Ryan Loseby, Glenn Barnes.			
Little League			
Rutland County As of June 16			
	W	L	
Rutland Town Red Sox	6	0	
Pittsford Blue Jays	4	1	
First Brandon	5	2	
Rutland Town Yankees	4	2	
Barstow Red Sox	2	1	
Brandon Blue Sox	5	3	
Rutland Town Giants	3	2	
Proctor A's	3	3	
Rutland Town Rangers	2	2	
Brandon Lions	2	2	
Proctor Red Sox	3	4	
Pittsford Red Sox	3	4	
Brandon Rotary	2	4	
Pittsford A's	2	4	
Goshen	2	4	
Barstow Marlins	1	7	
Pittsford Phillies	0	7	

Soccer Camp 6-19

The Rutland Recreation Department-sponsored soccer camp will be held July 14-18, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-noon for 7-to-10 year olds and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. for 11-to-14 year olds. Camp directors are Rich Alberti and Mike Kinsler.

The camp will stress individual techniques and include six-on-six, and full-side matches. Camp ball is optional for purpose, but all campers must have their own ball.

Fees are \$52 for Rutland residents and \$59 for non-residents. Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

For further information, call 773-1822.

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Today 6-20

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Michael Kelly performs lunchtime concert in Depot Park, noon-1 p.m., bring lunch. Free and open to the public.



Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Wet Day for A Race

Amanda Prehoda peeks around her umbrella to watch her father compete in the Annual Bed Race along Merchants Row in Rutland. The event benefited United Way of Rutland.

Senior Trip Planned To 'Guys and Dolls'

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Adult Center is sponsoring a mini-van trip to Weston Playhouse on July 30 to see "Guys and Dolls."

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Rutland Softball

Tuesday's Results
Men's B: KC's Tavern 23, Farnell Bud Life 13
Men's C: Lindholm Sports vs. Center Street Season, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: Maggoss 12, Feds 11
Men's E: DOD's 12, Seward's Sales/Timbers Edge 9
Women's B: Road Runners 26, C's 14
Women's C: Tapies vs. Cottrill Builders, MS, 8:50 p.
Monday's Late Results
Men's C: 3D's 25, Price Orthodontics 6
Women's C: Metzner Brothers 20, Maggoss! Skittle 5

Wednesday's Games

Men's B: Paint Boys vs. Affordable Cleaning/Center St. MF, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Reds vs. Jilly's MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: CVPS Rec. Club vs. Phillips & Sons, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Men's E: American Legion vs. Buccaneers, MN, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Bud Lite vs. Wayne's Body Shop, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: RSAC vs. Jilly's MS, 8:50 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignoe, 773-8056, no players welcome.

Tomorrow

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Volunteers Plant In Depot Park

Community volunteers, including a local Cub Scout troop and professional landscapers, will beautify downtown Rutland's Depot Park with landscape plantings beginning at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 21. The program is funded by a Wal-Mart Foundation Environmental Grant awarded to Rutland Partnership in January.

The volunteer planting program will include the incorporation of several species of perennials in the new park, which will add color and life throughout the growing season. Dr. Judith Hall, a local greenhouse proprietor and plant expert, will provide information to volunteers on plant selection and planting techniques.

In addition to the Depot Park project, the Wal-Mart grant has funded the recent replacement of 10 street trees in downtown, and will be used in the coming weeks to plant flowers in streetside planters and garden areas throughout the central business district.

Tomorrow

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Bicycle Rodeo

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helmets available for purchase, \$5; free, Main St. Park, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., bike giveaway and lunch served, rain location is Dana Rec. Center.

Your Move

While world chess champ Garry Kasparov battles IBM's chess-playing computer Deep Blue, local chess fans gather at the Dana Recreation Center in Rutland on Monday nights to learn and play the game. About 20 players showed up this week. (Right) David Stein, 9, of Rutland concentrates on the next move. (Below) Stein battles it out with Drew Peters, also 9.

Staff Photos by Vyto Starinkas



Senior Games

Senior citizens hoping to take part in the Green Mountain Senior Games at Rutland on May 14 are advised not to be discouraged if they missed the May 9 entry deadline. Games organizers say that anyone wishing to register on the day of the games is welcome to do so. Registration will take place at the Godnick Adult Center, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Also, in the interest of boosting participation in the 5k race being held at the track at the Stafford Vocational/Technical Center, runners aged 30 or older are being welcomed to participate. Runners may use the race as a warm-up for the Crowley Memorial Race, which will take place some two weeks later.

The 5k race, part of the track and field events, will begin at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Youth Leagues

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Elks Club 8, Keweenaw 7. Winning pitcher: Rob Turner. Hitting stars: Matt Trombetta and Brian Kussell.

Rutland Adult Softball

Monday's Games

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Men's D: C/Js/Commercial Tire vs. Two Sheas. JFC, ppd.
Men's E: Camie Reels Badgers 11, Ranch Sluggers 3
Women's B: WJAF 18, BRP/Thunder 13

Tuesday's Games

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Men's C: Lindholm Sports vs. Center Street Saloon, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: Peds vs. Magoo's JFC, 8:30 p.m.
Men's E: DOD's vs. Seward's Sales/Timbers Edge, MN, 8:30 p.m.
Women's B: C/Js vs. Road Runners, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Women's C: Tapas vs. Cotrupt Builders, MS, 8:50 p.m.

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Michele Brothers brought lots of her homemade flavored vinegars to sell at the Downtown Farmers Market in Rutland Saturday. Flavors included garlic basil, raspberry tarragon and strawberry basil. Brothers owns Rattlesnake Ridge Crafters in West Haven.

Growing Market

Wet Weather Doesn't Dampen Local Farmers' Spirits, Or Sales

By YVONNE DALEY
Staff Writer

The weather was so nippy Saturday that some people wore mittens rather than gardening gloves to the annual Tinnmouth plant sale and the Downtown Farmers Market.

The events are traditional harbingers of spring, and few participants could remember more dismal growing weather. Nonetheless, everyone seemed happy to be able to at least talk about gardening.

"Our season this year is a lot slower than usual, a lot colder," said Steve Chamberlain of Duchess Farm in Castleton, a vice president of the Rutland County Farmers Market. "But you know Vermont. Things will catch up soon enough."

The Rutland Farmers Market and another group of local growers, the Vermont Farmers Market, have been nomads for the past two years, moving their stands from site to site while construction projects took over Rutland's downtown Depot Park.

Everyone seemed delighted with the return to the traditional location Saturday.

Craig McWaters of Blissville Gardens said sunshine earlier in the spring had allowed him to get his plants up and growing before the cooler, damper weather set in. "We'll do OK," he said, surveying flats of pansies and other bedding plants.

Still, like other farmers who depend on the weather, Steve Schinski of A & S Farms in Center Rutland was concerned that the corn



Photo by Albert J. Marro

Five-year-old Christopher Reedy shops with his mother, Melanie, at the Rutland farmers market on Saturday. They were looking for flowers for Christopher's grandmother, and chose Baby Katie miniature roses.

he planted at the start of the wet weather might rot in the ground.

"People are saying this is going to be one of those years without much of a spring, when we'll almost go right into summer. I'm hoping they're right," Schinski said.

In Tinnmouth, whose higher elevation translates into colder weather than in Rutland, gardeners were also looking on the bright side of Saturday's raw weather. Overcast, cool days are ideal for transplanting, one gardener said as she sloshed through mud and scooped up a wide variety of perennial seedlings.

The annual fund-raiser for the Tinnmouth Elementary School is popular with local plant enthusiasts because perennials grown in Tinnmouth gardens have proven their hardiness.

Unfortunately, the cool, damp weather is expected to continue for much of the next week. At the National Weather Service in Burlington, forecaster Basil Newmerzhicky said that, after a mid-afternoon break in the clouds on Mother's Day, wet weather is expected to return.

"A nearly stationary weather front

has been sitting right over New England for 36 hours," Newmerzhicky said. "Because of its slow movement — typical of spring — you end up with the same cloudy weather day after day."

Another front will arrive from the Great Lakes Sunday evening, bringing rain by Sunday night or Monday. That storm is expected to linger for 12 hours or more.

By mid-week, there may be more sunshine and a moderation in temperatures, Newmerzhicky said. But the extended forecast from the Climate Research Center in Washington, D.C., calls for near normal temperatures and above normal rain.

In Rutland, damp weather caused Mayor Jeffrey Wennberg to shorten his official visit to the farmers market. He cut a plastic ribbon to commemorate the return of the market to the refurbished park.

With its handsome benches and old-fashioned lights, the renovated Depot Park makes an inviting venue. Richard Courcelle, manager of the Rutland Partnership, said the city had received a grant from the new downtown Wal-Mart that will be used for perennial flower beds and more improvements.

The Downtown Farmers Market also seems rejuvenated with its return to its traditional setting. Many vendors have purchased new awnings and some innovative products were on sale. Among the new unusual were bottled drinks made from maple sap and carbonated water by Dick and Bob Munch.

Shrub Scouts



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinkas
Matt Williams (left front) and David Martin (right front), members of Rutland Cub Scout Pack 104, plant shrubs and perennials Wednesday in Depot Park in downtown Rutland. The plants were purchased with a grant from Wal-Mart to the Rutland Partnership.

Adult Softball

Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets 15, Nalors 14
Men's D: C.J.'s No. 137, Kick's Tavern 2
Men's E: Seward Sales/Timber's Edge 11, Ranch Sluggers 9
Women's C: Cass' Pub 20, Hogge Penny 4
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Women's C: Uncle Sam's 20, Car Mart 6

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Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League
Suburban Propane 7, Edson Raiders 3, Winning preber: Frankie Sanborn. Hitting stars: Eric Carre, Ryan Sharp, Don Samplinsky.

Rec Camps

The Rutland Recreation Department will be sponsoring its annual summer basketball camps for boys from grades 5 through 12 under the direction of Rutland High School boys basketball coach David Kinsman.

The camp for grades 5-6 will be held June 23-27 at Keefe Gym at the Rutland Middle School and will meet Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The same times will apply for the camps for grades 7-12, which will be held the week of June 16-20. The camp for grades 7-8 will meet at Keefe Gym, while the camp for grades 9-12 will meet at Rutland High School.

Fees for the camp is \$72 for residents and \$79 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will be applied for early registrants.

Registration is now taking place at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center Street. For further information, call 773-1822.

Adult Softball

Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets vs. Nalors, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: Kick's Tavern vs. C.J.'s No. 1, JFC, 8:30 p.m.
Men's E: Seward Sales/Timber's Edge vs. Ranch Sluggers, Go, 8:30 p.m.
Women's C: Cass' Pub vs. Hogge Penny, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Women's C: Cripple Creek vs. C.J.'s, MN, 8:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League

WFF 7, Keweenaw 4, Winning pitcher: Ezra Lemieux. Hitting stars: Bill Leazer and Chris Adams.

Adult Softball

Thursday's Results

Men's B: Dart Mart 14, Keweenaw 10
Men's C: Mr. C's/Midas 22, Renegades 15
Men's D: Cripple Creek 7, Tyler's Team 5
Men's E: VAC 10, Pizza Delight 9
Women's B: Jilly's 17, Two Sheel's 5
Women's C: CarMart vs. Uncle Sam's, MS, 8:50 p.m.

Wednesday's Late Results

Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine 29, Jilly's 13

Tai Chi Classes To Start May 27

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering Tai Chi classes. Robert Chandler will teach the Yang style of Tai Chi. Students will learn the postures and practice the principles to ultimately begin "push hands" allowing students to utilize what they have learned.

A history of the Yang style will be taught along with the applications. This class will accommodate all levels of experience.

The class will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m., beginning May 27 and ending July 3.

Fees for this class are \$30 for Rutland city residents, \$37 for non-residents. Registration is on-going at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland, 05701.

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Bicycle Rodeo

Appreciated

Thank you, Rutland Kiwanis Club, for your Bike Rodeo at the Dana Recreation Center, where you fixed my bike. Thanks for the helmet, the food and for registering my bike.

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Rutland

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Special Rates Now At City Skate Park

Wednesdays have been designed "Rutland City Days" at Zero Gravity Skate Park. In-line skaters, BMX bikers and skateboarders can use the park's facilities every Wednesday for the special hourly rate of \$1.50.

In addition to the Rutland Days rate, Zero Gravity has discounted rates for the membership program, and for both the season pass and the monthly pass which greatly reduce the overall cost of park attendance. A payment program has been initiated this year to make Zero Gravity more affordable for area residents.

Zero Gravity is located in the pavilion at Giorgetti Park and is the largest street course in New England. The custom-designed course features curved rails, a giant pyramid, death box, G-box and extreme wall ride with tombstone.

Zero Gravity is open each week, Wednesday to Sunday, until Oct. 26. There are lessons, clinics, camps, and events for children and adults.

For information call the park noon to 6 p.m., Wednesday to Sunday, at 775-7976; or anytime at 773-1543.

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Cooking Demonstration

Rutland, The Main Course holds free cooking demonstration. The New Chocolate Decadence Cake, 5 Center St., 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., open to the public.

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Youth Leagues

Rutland Area Youth League

Rutland Town Yankees 10, Rutland Town Giants 5. Winning pitcher: Jon Waller. Hitting stars: Dustin Kleefield, Brock Jordan, Brendon Schulz.

Rutland Midway League

Elks 12, Rotary South 5. Winning pitcher: Colin Temple. Hitting stars: Temple with a home run, and Brian Kassel and Ian Mouton.

Re-Dedication



The Veterans Memorial in Depot Park was re-dedicated Wednesday after returning from its relocation due to construction at the park. Veterans' groups, the Rutland High School band and spectators participated in the event.

Thursday's Events

Adult Softball

Men's B: Farnish/Bud Life vs. Affordable Cleaners/Center St. MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Reds vs. Naltes, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: Feds vs. Phillips & Sons, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's E: DOD's vs. Buccaners, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: CJs vs. Wayne's, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: CapMan vs. CJs, NE, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Uncle Sam's vs. Magoo's/Stopline, MN, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midway League

Suburban Propane 7, Kiwanis 2. Winning pitcher: Mike Pratt. Hitting stars: Matt Williams, Tom Masse, Don Samplasky.
First Vermont Bank 10, Moose 4. Winning pitcher: Mike Senger. Hitting stars: Team effort. Tuesday: Edison Raiders 9, IAFF 1. Winning pitcher: Brad Basso. Hitting stars: Glenn Barnes, Danny Fitzgerald.

Rutland County Youth League

Proctor A's 12, Pittsford A's 11. Winning pitcher: Kevin Carley. Hitting stars: James Rayon, and Michael Longley.
Rutland Town Giants 21, Pittsford Phillies 14. Winning pitcher: Steve Shortle. Hitting stars: Bobby Williamson, Jay Donahue.

Friday's Results

Adult Softball

Men's D: Phillips & Sons 28, Feds 16
Women's B: CJs 11, Wayne's 8

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midway League
Rutland Fuel & K of C 3. Winning pitcher: Vic Shopp. Hitting stars: Matt Kimball and Kyle Miskie. Defensive star: Jackie Serrault.

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Thursday's Results

Men's B: Paint Boys vs. Carey's MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets vs. 3D's MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: CJ/Commercial Tire 6 vs. CJ No. 1 11, MF, 8:30 p.m.
Men's E: American Legion 10 vs. Camis Reels Badgers 9, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Bud Life 18 vs. BRP/Thunder 2, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Minter Brothers 9 vs. Collup's 12, MN, 6:30 p.m.

Late Wednesday Games

Men's C: Center St. 16, Jilly's 7

Friday's Events

Adult Softball

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Men's C: Reds vs. Naltes, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: Feds vs. Phillips & Sons, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's E: DOD's vs. Buccaners, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: CJs vs. Wayne's, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: CapMan vs. CJs, NE, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Uncle Sam's vs. Magoo's/Stopline, MN, 6:30 p.m.

Lacrosse Tournaments

See playoff brackets

Tennis Tournaments

See playoff brackets

Wednesday's Results

High School Tournaments

See playoff brackets

Rutland Adult Softball

Tuesday's Late Game

Women's B: Jilly's 16, CJs 7

Wednesday's Games

Men's B: Dart Mart 18, Farrell's 12
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets 7, Renegades 0
Men's D: Tyler's Team 12, Feds 11
Women's B: Wayne's vs. WJUR, MS, 6:50 p.m.
Women's C: Uncle Sam's 10, CJs 6

Thursday's Events

Softball

Division IV

Wilmington at Whitingham, 4 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball

Men's B: Affordable Cleaners/Center St. vs. Johnson Energy/Sabb's, Gio
Men's C: Reds vs. 3D's, MF
Men's D: Two She's vs. CJs No. 1, MS, 7:40 p.m.

Men's E: Buccaners vs. Ranch Groggers, JFC
Women's C: Cripple Creek vs. Hogge Penny, MS, 6:30 p.m.

Meningitis Claims Rutland Boy's Life

By LIZ ANDERSON ⁵⁻²⁹
Herald Staff

A 2 1/2-year-old Rutland boy has become the first Vermonter to die of meningitis since 1995.

Justin N. Thomas died May 20 after becoming ill while on a family trip to Atlanta, Ga., according to his father, Roy.

A state health official said Wednesday that the disease posed only a "small risk" of infection to people with whom a patient had a very close exposure. In each case, she said, those who may have had such contact with the patient are identified



Justin Thomas

by the state and offered antibiotics. "You'll hear all kinds of things whenever these infections occur, but we don't worry about environmental things spreading this infection," said Susan Schoenfeld, epidemiology field unit chief for the state Department of Health.

"... It's really assumed you need extensive contact with someone (to risk infection), like multiple, multiple hours of close contact," she said.

Schoenfeld would not identify the patient; she would only say that the death was a "probable case of meningococcal meningitis" involving a child from Rutland County that occurred in the past month.

Roy Thomas, however, said doctors in Atlanta confirmed through tests

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Meningitis

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that meningitis was "what they were dealing with" in Justin's case.

He said the family went "from one minute going in thinking your child just has a normal cold or an ear infection ... to in less than 12 hours to have to deal with that."

Thomas had only praise, however, for the staff at the Scottish Rites Children's Hospital in Atlanta where Justin was treated.

"They did a great job, they started right on the get-go," he said. He said the family did not know how the boy might have contracted the disease.

Schoenfeld said Vermont averages nine cases of meningitis a year. The majority of people infected recover after hospitalization and treatment, she said.

The last reported deaths attributed to meningitis in Vermont were two cases in 1995 — one in Chittenden County and one in Caledonia County. Two other non-fatal cases of meningitis have been reported in Vermont

this year, Schoenfeld said.

Roy Thomas remembered his son at a recent memorial service as a "big, solid child ... who looked like a 5-year-old and had an appetite to match" — particularly for eggs and peanut butter and jelly.

When people would ask his name, his father recalled, Justin would respond, "I'm me!"

"We would say, 'Your name is Justin,' and he would snap right back and say, 'No, I'm me!'"

"And that summed it up," Roy Thomas said.

The Thomas family — Roy, his wife Michele and their daughter, Kayla — have established a trust fund in Justin's memory that they hope to use to adopt a park in Rutland City.

Roy Thomas said he will meet with Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin Thursday to discuss the idea of helping support a park — one he had heard Dahlin discuss on a recent public-access television broadcast.

Thomas isn't sure yet how the plan

will work, only what he hopes it will do for other families.

"People asked what they could do to help," he said. "This was something we wanted to do. ... We would like to see people take time out and enjoy their children, to have a place to go."

"I just don't think a lot of us take time enough ...," he added later.

Dahlin is seeking private support for repairs, equipment and upkeep at six different city parks. Thomas said he had no particular park in mind at this time, but noted that cash donations were not the only way to support the effort.

"People don't have to give money, they could give time to help build things ... they could make sandwiches for people doing the work," Thomas said.

Contributions to the Thomas family's park adoption effort may be made to the Justin N. Thomas Memorial Fund, in care of the Tossing Funeral Home, 39 Washington St., Rutland, 05701.

Tuesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Tuesday's Games
Men's B: Paint Boys 20, KC's 17
Men's C: Lindholm's 9, Price Orthodontics 6
Men's D: Cripple Creek 14, C.J.s/Commercial Tire 5
Men's E: Seward's/Timber Edge 11, American Legion 16
Women's B: Jilly's vs. C.J.s, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Women's C: CarMart 15, Jilly's 2
Monday's Late Games
Men's D: Maggion 22, Phillips & Sons 18
Women's B: Two Sheas 24, BRP/Thunder 14
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See tournament pairings

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Women's C: Uncle Sam's vs. C.J.s, MS, 6:30 p.m.

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Garden in the Park Set for June 14-15

The Second Annual Garden in the Park is set for June 14 and 15, and has many new attractions. This garden exposition will be held in a new location this year in the Main Street Park on the corner of West Street and Route 7 in Rutland. Garden in the Park celebrates the artistry of the garden and the importance of America's favorite pastime, and features exhibitors, musical entertainment, children's activities, outdoor cafes, garden lectures and demonstrations, and a "garden rooms" competition. The event is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with a \$1 donation requested at the entrances.

New this year will be a presentation Saturday, June 14, by world-renowned floral arranger, Kenn Stephens. He is an American floral arranger of national and international experience. He will be presenting at the Grace Congregational Church Fellowship Hall starting at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. Only 200 tickets are available so get your tickets soon by calling the Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts at 775-0856, Mastercard and Visa accepted. Also new this year is the Floral Arrangement Competition. This flower contest is open to any floral arranger. Entrants will be presenting arrangements that complement pieces of art, that will include paintings and sculptures, which will be on display in the upstairs gallery of the Chaffee. Three prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place, with prizes being gift certificates from local nurseries.

There is a \$10 fee per entry with proceeds to benefit the Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts. Twenty entries will be accepted. Call 775-8836 for your application or more information.

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League
IAFF: K of C 9, Winning pitcher: Nate Graham, Hitting star: El See and Bill Leizer.
Rutland County Little League
Proctor A's 5, First Brandon 4, Winning pitcher: Kenny Cowenburgh, Hitting stars: James Rayon, Bryant Gamon, Fred Garow.
Barston Red Sox 13, Proctor Red Sox 11.

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League
IAFF 14, Eagles 0, Hitting stars: Sam Jones, Colin Buttery and Thelma Marro.
Kearns 15, History South 13, Winning pitcher: Ricky Frodette, Hitting stars: Frodette, Matt Mott.
Rutland County Little League
Rutland Town Giants 12, Pittsford Red Sox 9, Winning pitcher: Erik Rohn, Hitting stars: Greg Lewis, Steve Shortie.
Rutland Town Yankees 18, Proctor A's 9, Winning pitcher: Mike Stabeno, Hitting stars: Stu Hoffman, Dustin Kleefish, Andy Dunningham.

Rutland Adult Softball

Men's B: Keene Jilly's 9, Curry's Auto 8
Men's C: M. C. Mikes 17, Center St. Saloon 14
Men's D: Phillips & Sons vs. Maggion, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's E: VAC 10, Carls Reels Badgers 9 (B innings)
Women's B: Two Sheas vs. BRP/Thunder, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Women's B: Bud Lite 12, Road Runners 0
Women's C: Metzler Bros. vs. Cass' Pub. MS, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Events

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Men's B: KC's vs. Paint Boys, Gio
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Suburban Propane 15, Elks & Winning pitcher: Ryan Sharp, Hitting stars: Tom Masse, Frank Sanborn, Joe Cullen, Ryan Sharp.

Center St. Alley Gets 'Rhythm'

By TOM MITCHELL
Herald Staff

Rhythm Alley, a new bar featuring live music, will open in the Center Street Alley on Friday night with the well-known duo, Madcap and Kane performing.

"We are going to have some concerts," said Rod Ferrell of Mount Holly, who is starting the business with Tom Koch at 2 Center St.

Ferrell said one of his plans for the business will be to bring in a diversity of live music.

"We are going to have outside entertainment," said Ferrell, noting that he had obtained permission to hold amplified acoustic entertainment just outside the business that was previously the home to McLeod's Compass Rose.

On Friday night, Peter "Madcat" Ruth, who is known as one of the top harp players in the country, will perform with virtuoso blues guitarist Shari Kane at 9:30 p.m. A local group, Identify Crisis, opens at 8:30 p.m. Last Kid Picked, a New Hampshire band, will perform Saturday night.

In July, Ferrell said he planned to bring in Red Clay Ramblers, a band now on Broadway that performs blue grass and show tunes.

He said he understood that there had been some problems in the past with music being played too loud for the residents of the nearby Bardwell House.

Leif Dahlin, the city's recreation superintendent, said he had sent a letter to the new owners that allows acoustic music between 10 p.m. and midnight.

"They aren't going to be doing hard rock and roll and blasting people out of their chairs," Dahlin said.

Ferrell also operates The Loft, a restaurant-nightclub, in Ludlow.

Park Will Be A Memorial to Son

By LIZ ANDERSON
Herald Staff

A family seeking to memorialize their son by helping refurbish a city park say offers of help are streaming in, including backing from the owner of area McDonald's Restaurant franchises.

Roy Thomas, an assistant manager at the South Main Street branch of the restaurant chain, and his wife Michele are coordinating the park effort in memory of their 2 1/2 year old son, Justin, who died May 20 of meningitis.

Thomas met Thursday with Rutland Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Leif Dahlin and chose the city park their efforts will target — the Madison Street Park.

"Just looking at the parks we thought that one was more realistic for us to do," Thomas said. He noted his daughter, Kayla, attends school nearby and a local daycare also uses the park often.

Offers of help and money for the effort have begun piling up in recent days, Thomas said, including the offer of help from his boss, Charles Coughlin, the owner of 10 area McDonald's restaurants, who has donated the time of his marketing manager, Debbie Ackley, to the effort.

"We just kind of brainstormed a little about what we can do to help," Ackley said Friday. "We talked about

a lot of fund raising ideas."

Ackley said the group plans to meet soon with Dahlin and Michael Valentine, manager of Rutland's community access television channel, to discuss the plans in more detail.

"This is not by any means a McDonald's thing, this is a friendship thing of the McDonald's family giving to them," Ackley said. "Their biggest thing is this is a labor of love, and whoever can volunteer time ... anyone who can help is greatly appreciated."

Thomas said Dahlin had put a price tag of \$30,000 on the repairs needed at the Madison Street Park, including the cost of ordering new playground equipment. He said he was confident, however, that with volunteer labor the work could be done for much less.

"We want to build a (playground) structure like a lot of the schools have, the ones made out of tires and wood ... that's something like the scene we want to impose there," he said.

"A lot of parents bring their kids to parks now and they'll sit and read the paper while their kids play," he said.

"We want this park to be an interactive park" where parents and children will play together.

"It's so important for people to spend quality time with their chil-

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Park

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dren," Michele Thomas said.

"You've got to be sure you're able to have that quality family time where you can interact with your kids," Roy Thomas continued.

"We want to set the example so that way when Leif goes out there and tries to solicit money for other parks, we want to say this is something we've done as a community."

"We want to keep the interest going, we want the community to be so involved with this," Thomas said of the Madison Street effort. "It's not for me and Michele and it's not for Justin per se, it's for the community, and I think a lot of people are getting the message."

"It's a win-win situation for all of us,"

he said.

A trust fund in Justin's name that will be donated to the park refurbishment has accumulated about \$3,000 so far, "which we think is an enormous amount," Thomas said.

He added, however, "We don't want to get caught up in the money, we want people to donate time. They're going to respect it a lot more" if they do, Thomas said. Anyone who wants to help out with the park effort can contact Ackley at 747-3365.

Contributions to the Thomas family's park adoption effort may be made to the Justin N. Thomas Memorial Fund, in care of the Tossing Funeral Home, 39 Washington St., Rutland, 05701

Bed Race Was Great Success

On Saturday, May 3, Green Mountain College hosted the 3rd Annual Downtown Bed Race to benefit the United Way of Rutland County. Green Mountain College Professor Carol Hartshorn led a group of students from the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, who raised more money from this race than the last two years' races together. The students, under Ms. Hartshorn's direction, planned, organized, promoted and carried out the entire event.

United Way of Rutland County and its member agencies want to publicly thank Green Mountain College for selecting United Way as the recipient of the money raised and for all their hard work and time that went into making the 1997 bed race a big success.

We also want to recognize and thank the Rutland Partnership and Rutland Parks and Recreation Department, who also organized the race with Green Mountain College and the sponsors who contributed sizeable dollars toward the bed race on behalf of the event — Wal-Mart, Albark, WJRR Radio, Rutland Herald, Morin's Dive Center, Vermont Bedrooms and Casella Waste Management.

And finally our thanks to all those businesses who entered a bed in the 1997 Downtown Rutland Bed Race for being great sports and contributing to United Way — Metromail, Albark, Wal-Mart, Price Chopper, Factory Point Bank, Cortina Inn, Green Mountain College and Letter Carriers' Union No. 495.

Congratulations to the Price Chopper/Factory Point Bank for winning the race.

LAURA VIEN
(Executive Director,
United Way of Rutland County)
Rutland

Today

THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Gochnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m.; for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignone, 773-8656, new players welcome.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Baseball

Rutland Midway League			
	W	L	
Suburbane Prospects	5	0	
IAFF	5	1	
Edison's Raiders	5	1	
Rutland Fuel	3	2	
Elks	3	3	
Kwanzas	2	3	
K&C	1	1	
Piney South	1	4	
Moose	1	4	
Eagles	1	5	

Monday's Events

State Tournaments

See playoff pairings

Rutland Adult Softball

Men's B: KC's vs. Dart Mart, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's C: Reds vs. Renegades, JFC
Men's D: Nallers vs. 30's, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's E: Feds vs. Kick's, Gio
Men's F: Seward Sales/Timber's Edge vs. Pizza Delight, MF
Women's B: Road Runners vs. Jilly's, MN
Women's C: Cotrupi Builders vs. Cass' Pub, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Women's D: CarMart vs. Hogge Penny, NE

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Junior League
Post 31 4, Rutland Town 3, Winning Pitcher: Ryan Lawrence. Hitting Stars: Doug Barnes and Josh Finley.
Brandon 7, Granville, N.Y. 4, Winning pitcher: David Ketcham.

Crowley Road Race

21st Annual Crowley Memorial Road Race
Proctor to Rutland, 10k
Sunday, June 8

Men, Overall
1, Russell Rankin, Rutland, 38:47; 2, Shane Mason, Keene, N.H., 37:46; 3, T.J. Sabotka, Rutland, 38:25; 4, Peter Patten, Fair Haven, 39:54; 5, Louis Gadsseau, Pittsford, 40:34.

Women, Overall
1, Michele Carroll, Rutland, 43:40; 2, Michelle Lee, Rutland, 45:43; 3, Robyn Ryan, Rutland, 46:09; 4, Martha Anderson, Cummerville, 46:14; 5, Elizabeth Dawson, Burlington, 48:29.

Male, Under 19

Kearson Dahlin, Brandon, 51:07

Female, 20-29

Carroll, Male, 20-29

Mason, Female, 30-39

Ryan, Male, 30-39

Rankin, Female, 40-49

Betsy Gray, Rutland, 52:19

Anderson, Female, 50-59

Peter Powland, Poughkeepsie, 40:43

Male, 60-Plus

Hugh Short, Rutland, 53:08

Motoring Marazook



Staff photo by L.B. Carp

Souli Marazook, a Hartford High School senior, won the unofficial, four-mile wheelchair division of Sunday's annual Crowley Road Race in 17 minutes. For divisional results, see the scoreboard section.

Downtown Farmer's Market

Depot Park • Downtown Rutland

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9-2PM



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• Early Greens
• Baked Goods • Handcrafted Items
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Sports Scan

Flag Football

The Rutland Recreation & Parks Department will sponsor a flag football camp July 21-25, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-noon.

The camp stresses fundamentals and is for students entering grades 5-8. The camp director is Rutland High School football coach Mike Norman.

Students will learn positions, and offensive and defensive tactics. The fee is \$52 for residents and \$59 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will be given to those registering by June 23.

Registration is on-going at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St. For further information, call 773-1822.

White's Pool Set To Open Saturday

White's Pool will open Saturday, June 14, weather permitting.

Pool passes are available at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St. Registration is ongoing for Water Babies, Aquatots, Preschool Swim Lessons, Red Cross Lessons (Level 1-7), Diving, Community Water Safety Course, Swim Team and Lifeguard Training.

Fees for Rutland resident passes are: youth, \$18; adult, \$20; family, \$45; and seniors, \$10. Fees for non-residents passes are: youth, \$25; adult, \$32; family, \$70; and senior, \$17.

For further information call 773-1822.

Rec Tennis

Registration is on-going for the Godnick Adult Center's Summer Doubles Tennis League for players aged 50 or older. The program will run from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. on Tuesday mornings, for 10 weeks beginning June 17.

Rich Lorenzo from Mac-Sam's will head the program. The fee is \$20 for Rutland residents and \$26 for non-residents.

For information, call 773-1822.

Monday's Results

State Tournaments

See playoff pairings

Rutland Adult Softball

Men's B: KC's vs. Dart Mart, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's C: Reds 13, Renegades 1
Men's D: 30's 12, Nallers 7
Men's E: Feds 11, Kick's 4
Men's F: Pizza Delight 18, Seward Sales/Timber's Edge 2
Women's B: Road Runners 14, Jilly's 7
Women's C: Cass' Pub 14, Cotrupi Builders 7
Women's D: Hogge Penny 18, CarMart 5

Tuesday's Events

State Tournaments

See playoff pairings

Rutland Rec Softball

Men's B: Affordable Cleaners/Center St. vs. Carey's, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets vs. Lindholm's, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's D: CYP's vs. CJA's/Commercial Tire, Gio
Men's E: Phillips & Sons vs. Tyler's team, JFC
Men's F: Buccaneers vs. Caris Reels, MF
Women's B: Wayne's Body Shop vs. BRP/Thunder, MN
Women's C: Menzer Brothers vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbone, NE
Women's D: Tapa's vs. Cripple Creek, MS, 7:40 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Little League

K of C, Eke 2, Winning pitcher: Shawn Horvath. Hitting stars: Chris Lousias and Seth Birds.
Keweenaw 15, 1st Vt. Bank 12, Winning pitcher: Paul Magro. Hitting stars: Mike Rasche, Ross Lalancette.

Junior Babe Ruth

Mill River 14, Otter Valley 10, Winning pitcher: Jesse Gambalasta. Hitting star: Team effort.

Rutland County Youth League

Proctor A's 12, Brandon Rotary 3, Winning pitcher: Kenny Crowningshield. Hitting stars: Troy Ault, Andrew and Zach Thibault.

Junior League

Rutland Post 31 14, Ludlow 3, Winning pitcher: Doug Barnes. Hitting star: Pat Hackett.

Monday's Results

Rutland Rec Softball

Men's B: Keiths 10, Jillys 14, Part Boys 2
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets 9, Center St. Saloon 8
Men's D: Phillips & Sons 5, Kicks Tavern 8
Men's E: VAC 17, American Legion 10
Women's C: CJA's 19, Jillys 0
Women's D: Hogge Penny Inn 7, Uncle Sam's 0

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Juniors

Brandon 7, West Rutland 3, Winning pitcher: David Ketcham. Hitting stars: Mike Denion, Tony DeAngelo.

Post 31 13, Pittsford 9, Winning pitcher: Scott Drew. Hitting star: Matt Sarrahl.

Mill River 9, Rutland Town 8, Winning pitcher: Vance Giochi. Hitting star: Team effort.

Junior Babe Ruth

Fair Haven 20, Castleton 4, Winning pitcher: Ryan Murphy. Hitting star: Team effort.

Little League

Rutland Town Giants 5, Proctor A's 5, Pitchers: Kenny Crowningshield, Steve Shortle. Hitting stars: Jason Corbo, Josh Terenzani.
WFT 15, Rotary South 2, Hitting stars: Brian McDermott, Pat See, Colin Buttery.

Tuesday's Events

Rutland Rec Softball

Men's B: Johnson Energy vs. Farrell's Bud Lite, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Nallers vs. Renegades, GIO, 8:30 p.m.
Men's D: Tyler's Team vs. Magoo's, JFC, 8:30 p.m.
Men's E: Ranch Sluggers vs. DOD's, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Women's B: WJLR vs. CJA's, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Women's C: Cotrupi Builders vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbone, MF, 8:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

City Youth League

Rutland Town Rangers 6, Brandon Blue Seal 4, Winning pitcher: Mike Frodoe. Hitting stars: Josh Westerbeke, Bobby Deangelis.
Midget League
Suburban Prepene 28, Rotary South 2, Winning pitcher: Ryan Sharp. Hitting star: Luke Cole, two home runs.

Tuesday's Results

State Tournaments

See Playoff pairings

Rutland Rec Softball

Men's B: Affordable Cleaners/Center St. vs. Carey's, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's C: Lindholm's 9, GE Yellow Jackets 4
Men's D: CYP's 32, CJA's/Commercial Tire 2
Men's E: Tyler's Team 14, Phillips & Sons 7
Men's F: Buccaneers 23, Caris Reels 11
Women's B: BRP/Thunder 12, Wayne's Body Shop 10
Women's C: Menzer Brothers 18, Ryan, Smith & Carbone 6
Women's D: Tapa's vs. Cripple Creek, MS, 7:40 p.m.

Monday Late Game

Men's B: Dart Mart 27m, KC's Tavern 13

Wednesday's Events

Boys Semifinals

See playoff pairings

Rutland Rec Softball

Men's B: Johnson Energy/Sabby's vs. Keith's 11, Jilly's, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's C: Mr. CJA's/Midas vs. Jilly's, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's D: Two She's vs. Cripple Creek, Gio
Men's E: Kick's vs. CJA's/Commercial Tire, JFC
Men's F: Ranch Sluggers vs. VAC, MF
Women's B: WJLR vs. Two She's, MN
Women's C: Uncle Sam's vs. Jilly's, MS, 7:40 p.m.

Garden in the Park Is This Weekend

The Second Annual Garden in the Park is set for June 14 and 15. This garden exposition will be held in a new location this year, in Main Street Park on the corner of West Street and Route 7 in Rutland.

It features exhibitors, musical entertainment, children's activities such as leaf printing, bubble painting, kite making, garden lectures and demonstrations, a "garden rooms" competition and food concessions.

Garden lectures will include "The Living Lawn," "Water Gardens," "Organic Pest Control" and "Container Gardening." The event is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with a \$1 donation requested.

New this year will be a presentation Saturday, June 14, by world-renowned floral arranger, Kenn Stephens. He is an American floral arranger of national and international experience, whose thoughts explore the strong relationship of garden design to interior design, and the use of flowers and plants in both spaces.

He will be at the Grace Congregational Church Fellowship Hall starting at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. Only 200 tickets are available so get your tickets soon by calling the Chaffee at 775-0356.

Also new this year is the Floral Arrangement Competition. This contest is open to any floral arranger. Entrants will be presenting arrangements that complement pieces of art, to include paintings and sculptures, which will be on display in the upstairs gallery of the Chaffee.

Applications are still being accepted. There is a \$10 fee per entry. Call 775-8836 for your application or further information.

Godnick Center Sponsors Hikes

The Godnick Adult Center is sponsoring an easy, 3-mile hike Friday June 13, to the Clarendon Shelter and Swing Bridge, with Roma and Al Pulling; and an easy, 3-mile hike Friday, June 27, to Texas Falls in the Middlebury Gap, with Jean Davies.

The van leaves the center at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 2 p.m. Bring a lunch and be sure to dress to suit the weather. Sturdy footwear is advisable as some of the terrain may be rough. Also bring bug spray.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Dear Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignos, 773-8656, new players welcome.

Wednesday's Results

Boys Semifinals
See playoff pairings.
Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: Johnson Energy/Sabby's vs. Keith's 11, July's MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's C: Mr. C's/Midas 11, July's 7
Men's D: Cripple Creek 27, Two Sheas 13
Men's E: VAC 24, Randa Sluggers 6
Women's B: Two Sheas 18, WJUR 2
Women's C: Uncle Sam's 18, July's 0
Tuesday's Late Games
Women's C: Tapu's 20, Cripple Creek 8
Men's B: Affordable Cleaning Center 52, 9 Carey's 7

Thursday's Events

State Tournaments

No games scheduled.
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Farnell's Bud Life vs. Paint Boys, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's C: Center St. vs. Price Orthodontics, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: C.J.'s No. 1 vs. Magoo's, Gio
Men's E: C.J.'s vs. American Legion, MF
Women's B: C.J.'s vs. Bud Light, MS
Women's C: C.J.'s vs. Magoo's/Spotlight, MS, 7:40 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Junior Babe Ruth
Fair Haven 8, Granville 7. Winning pitcher: Bill Canfield. Hitting star: Steve Murphy with game-winning hit.
Post 31 10, Brandon 2. Winning pitcher: Scott Dew. Hitting stars: team effort.
Rutland Midget League
Eagles 31, Moose 1. Winning pitcher: Stephen Bloomer. Hitting stars: Ike White with grand slam, two triples and a double.
Keweenaw 11, Edison Raiders 6. Winning pitcher: Ricky Fredette. Hitting stars: Michael Rauche and Greg McLaughlin.
Rutland County Little League
Rutland Town Giants 19, Barlow Marlins 7. Winning pitcher: Bobby Williamson. Hitting stars: Greg Lewis, Brian Gormley, Alex Kelley.

Noon Tunes Series Held in Depot Park

Noon Tunes, the popular lunchtime concert series, will be held every Wednesday and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. from June 18 through Aug. 15, with the exception of July 4 and Aug. 1.

The concerts will take place in the newly designed and landscaped Depot Park in Downtown Rutland. Grab a bag lunch, take a break from the daily grind and enjoy some of Vermont's best musical talent. Sit on one of the new benches or bring along your own lawn chair or blanket. All concerts are free and open to the public.

Kicking off the series on June 18 is Wayne Canney and Michael Kelley will appear on June 20.

Children's Meals Offered in Rutland

Rutland Public Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children. Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the program is designed to ensure that children who rely on free or reduced price meals during the school year continue to have adequate nutrition throughout the summer.

Breakfast and lunch are available, at no charge to all children 18 years of age or younger at the following locations: Rutland Intermediate School, Library Avenue; Northwest School, Pierpoint Avenue; Dana/Recreation Department, East Center Street; Success/Youth Center, Allen Street.

Meals will be available Monday through Friday, June 23 through Aug. 8. No meal service will be available on July 4. Breakfast is from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

For additional information, please contact Marilyn Edwards at 773-1905.

RUTLAND RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

MAIN ST. PARK

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The tradition continues this summer with eight weeks of great entertainment on Wednesday evenings. Join us at 7:00 p.m. starting June 25th.

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August 6
MARBLE CITY SWING

August 13
VERMONT JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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SAVOR YOUR SUMMER EVENINGS

Fishing Derby

The Rutland Kiwanis Club and Rutland Recreation Department will hold its annual "Fishing Fun Day" at Combination Pond on Saturday, June 14. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and fishing will begin at 9 a.m. The program is for children up to age 13; a parent or guardian must be present. A free lunch will be provided and prizes will be awarded in various categories.

For more information, call the recreation department at 773-1822.

6-14 Today

THINGS TO DO

Garden in the Park

Rutland, The second annual Garden in the Park features exhibitors, musical entertainment, children's activities, outdoor cafes, garden lectures, demonstrations and a "garden room" competition, Main Street Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$1 donation.

Adult Softball
Men's C: Center St. 11, Price Orthodontics 6
Men's E: Pizza Delight 9, 000's 8
Women's B: Bud Light 22, C.J.'s 0

Saturday's Games

State Championship Games
Baseball
At Central Field
Ozbow vs. Windsor, 4 p.m.
Brattleboro vs. Mount Anthony, 7:30 p.m.
Softball
At Postway
Mount Anthony vs. Brattleboro, 4 p.m.
South Royalton vs. Thetford, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League
K of C 14, Rotary South 9. Winning pitcher: Erin Byrne. Hitting stars: Justin Pomykala and Justin Candron.
Town & Country Little League
Rutland Town Yankees 10, Barlow Marlins 5. Winning pitcher: Brock Jordan. Hitting stars: Matt Oldenberg, Dan Lawrence, Justin Milazzo.

Ethnic Festival '97

SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd

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Main Stage Music

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Abenaki Dancers

4:00 - 5:15 PM

Linda Guatemala

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Ibrahima Camara

Cooking Demonstrations

1:00 - 5:00 PM

A sampler ethnic cooking presented by
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Demonstrations & Displays

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MID-EAST

Rutland Area Lamb

Mid East Feast

MEXICAN

Price Chopper

Burrito Bliss

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Kid's Crafts - Depot Park
NOON - 5:00 PM
 Featuring Batik, Origami, Tie Dying, etc.

Kids' Tent Entertainment
NOON - 6:00 PM
 Folk Dancing. Storytelling. Music etc.

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Ethnic Festival '97

Be sure to attend the 6th Annual Rutland Region Ethnic Festival on Sunday June 22, from noon to 7:00 PM at the parking deck in downtown Rutland! You will love the international food and music and new this year, crafts. Rutland Partnership, Rutland Department of Recreation and Parks, and generous corporate sponsors with the help of many community and business groups make this fun-filled event possible. The celebration will feature ethnic food, entertainment and children's craft activities. Vendors will offer delicacies from around the world in small portions at reasonable prices. Mainstage entertainment will take place in a large "saddle" tent. Special events and activities for children will be held in their own tent and area. All events will take place rain or shine. For further information and directions, contact Catterton at 483-6939.



RUTLAND REGION ETHNIC FESTIVAL Sunday June 22, 1997

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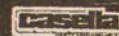

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Small Fry, Large Fry



Four-year-old Andrew Dunham shows off the nice trout he caught during the Combination Pond Fishing Derby held Saturday in Rutland.

Staff Photo by Vyto Starinkas

U30 T&F Camp

The Rutland Recreation Department will sponsor a track & field camp for children aged 6-14, under the direction of veteran Rutland High School coach Greg McCallen. The camp will be held July 7-18, Mondays through Fridays, from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Fees for the camp are \$45 for Rutland residents and \$52 for non-residents. Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

For further information, call 773-1822.

the traditional folk and contemporary music of their native Guatemala.

The festival will end with Ibrahima Camara, an ensemble which presents its own unique style of world music. The band combines traditional and pop African music.

The Children's Tent will have its own entertainment. Performing will be Tim Jennings and LeAnne Ponder with Celtic music and storytelling from around the world. They will be followed by Capoeira, a Brazilian martial art and dance form.

Cooking demonstrations by the Vermont Folklife Center will feature four cooks who will describe and prepare ethnic dishes for sampling.

In addition, approximately 28 food vendors will offer delicacies from around the world. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and seniors. The food vendors will charge no more than \$2 for any of their dishes.

For more information about the festival or interest in volunteering, please call Kim Catterton at 483-6939.

Ethnic Festival Set In Rutland June 22

The organizers of the Rutland Region Ethnic Festival have announced the entertainment line-up for this year's festival, which will take place Sunday, June 22, from noon to 7 p.m. in Rutland's downtown parking deck.

On the main stage will be five groups offering authentic ethnic entertainment.

Opening the festival will be Burlington Taiko, combining the sound of Japanese festival drums with choreographed movements.

Then, Mariachi Mexamerica perform the lively folk music of their native Mexico, in authentic costumes. The next to perform will be the Abenaki Dancers, a group of dancers from around Vermont working together to develop and share their cultural heritage through traditional and native dance.

Following is Linda Guatemala, an authentic marimba band that performs

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THINGS TO DO

Play Chess
Rutland, A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Baseball

Rutland Midget League

	W	L
Suburbane Propane	6	0
IAFF	6	1
Edson's Raiders	5	2
Kiwans	4	3
Rutland Fuel	3	3
K&C	3	3
Elks	3	4
First Vermont	2	4
Eagles	2	5
Moose	1	5
Pottery South	1	6

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert
Rutland, Wayne Carney performs lunchtime

Coming Events

Ethnic Festival
The Rutland Region Ethnic Festival will be held Sunday, June 22, from noon to 7 p.m. at the parking deck in downtown Rutland. Admission will be \$2 for adults; \$1 for seniors (60 and older), and students in grades K through 12; children under 5 free.

Farmer's Market
Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert
Rutland, Wayne Carney performs lunchtime concert in Depot Park, noon-1 p.m., bring lunch, free and open to the public.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Ethnic Festival
Rutland, The Rutland Region Ethnic Festival features ethnic food, art and crafts, music and more, downtown parking deck, admission fee, adults \$2; seniors and children K-12, \$1; under 5 free, noon-7 p.m., rain or shine.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market
Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

City Hall Eyes Participation In Computer Net

By **FREDERICK BEVER** 6-17
Herald Staff

Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg and Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin are about to get wired.

The pair convinced an aldermanic committee last week to appropriate \$1,000 to tap into "Community Link 2000," a regional mini-Internet that will let computer users browse through pages posted by area businesses and governments.

"It's just an experiment," Wennberg told the General Committee. "I think something like this is going to happen in Rutland with this system or another one — city halls around the country have spent upwards of hundreds of thousands of dollars to accomplish the same kind of access."

Community Link is the brainchild of Rutland residents Darcy Turin and Eugene Perry, who have turned one room of their Crescent Street home into the operations center for the two-month-old service.

If the Internet is a superhighway, then Commu-



Eugene Perry and Darcy Turin created Community Link 2000, a mini-Internet service in Rutland. City Hall is experimenting with it and may offer information online.

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nity Link would be a county road: For \$50 a month, area advertisers can post a computer page with three scroll-down windows and e-mail capabilities. Community Link will provide the needed software to the general public for free.

Depending on how negotiations between Wennberg and the business owners' turn out, the city may become a major draw for the service.

Information about recreation programs, upcoming street repairs, zoning requirements, tax bills, e-mail to department heads or even "Ask City Hall" on-line forums could all be part of the deal.

But even without the city's participation, a Rutland-area consumer with access to a computer will be able to tap into the regional network, cruise the advertisers' offerings, e-mail them or even place orders, search a classified database, and communicate with friends who are also linked up.

And it's all available for the price of a local telephone call. "We thought about charging the users," Perry said. "But if they are already on the Internet, they are not going to pay for another electronic service."

Dahlin said he was excited about the service because it could ease telephone crunches when weather threatens to change event schedules, and because citizens would be able to download registration forms for city programs without having to leave their homes.

"It's just one more vehicle to keep people apprised of current events or something that we've added," he said.

The service will also include online chat rooms, news and weather, regional sports news, information from non-profit organizations (which can list events for free), and shareware games. One aspect of the service parents might appreciate is the fact that because it is not linked to the Internet, children who log on will not be able to reach objectionable sites.

"We tossed this around for quite a while," said Turin, adding that once 50 advertisers join up (there are about 25 right now) the service will break even.

"Our goal is to link the entire county."

The idea was born after the pair had spent some time trying to target Web pages on the Internet to local businesses.

"Ninety-five percent of the businesses we talked to said (an Internet presence) is a great idea, but it's so expensive, and how could they target Rutland County, which is where their market is," Turin said.

Andre Courcelle of Courcelle Flower Shop took advantage of Community Link's "first month free" offer to try out the service. He said he has yet to receive any orders as a result, but is willing to wait to pass judgment until the network grows beyond its current membership of 300 people.

"Any new way you can tie into the community is a good way," Courcelle said. "Ninety percent of my business is local ... and I think this will have more of a direct impact that way than the Internet. ... Today you need every advantage you can get."

Other businesses that have already jumped on include Rich Carlson's Allstate Insurance, L&B Motors and Big Daddy's Used Cars.

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce has hopped on as well. Turin and Perry hope to bring the Rutland Economic Development Corp and other business groups on line.

The city could be key to their success, as Wennberg noted in the committee meeting. "We would be a major anchor," Wennberg said.

Some aldermen — particularly Samuel L. Gorruso — were skeptical about the service's potential.

"He may have a huge, huge item here," Gorruso said. But he added that the city should be careful about making a bet on a service still in its infancy.

"The city needs to figure out what it wants to be when it grows up," Gorruso said. "I'm most concerned about charging the city for the service. ... It's like charging God for the weather."

But others were more optimistic. "This is a really important thing for Rutland City," said Alderwoman Jill Maynard. "It's the wave of the future."

Creative Playground Will Start June 23

Under the direction of Jane Brown and Joan McIntosh, winter Rotary Preschool Program instructors, Creative Playground will offer a full morning of activities that includes songs, games, storytelling, arts and crafts, show and tell, and playing in the park. Snack will be provided.

The program is open to children ages 4 and 5 (child must be age 4 by the start of the program).

Session I is June 23 through July 3 (no class July 4). Fee is \$47 for residents and \$54 for non residents.

Session II is July 7 through July 18. Fee is \$52 for residents and \$59 for non-residents.

Both sessions are held weekdays at Rotary Field House from 9 a.m. to noon.

Registration is held at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland, 05701. For further information call 773-1822.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmer's Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friday's Results

Rutland Rec Softball
Men's C: Mr. C's/Midas vs. Price Orthodontics, Go
Men's D: C's No. 1 vs. Cripple Creek, JFC
Men's E: DOD's vs. American Legion, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Cates' Pub vs. Maggots/Stoplight, MF

Saturday's Events

Track & Field
Heptathlon/Decathlon at Bellows Falls
American Legion Baseball
Fair Haven at Waterbury, 1 p.m.
Chester at Bellows Falls, 1 p.m.
Soul Royalty at Windsor, pop.

Youth Leagues

Rutland Middle League
Rutland Feet 11, Edison Red Sox 5. Winning pitcher: Vic Sharpy. Hitting stars: Kyle Munkie, Jackie Sasaki, Matt Kimball.
Elks 5, First Vermont Bank 3. Winning pitcher: Colin Temple. Hitting stars: David Waleman, Brian Kusel, Matt Trombetta.
Town & Country
Rutland Town Yankees 16, Goshen Rotary 12. Winning pitcher: Bryan Goe. Hitting stars: Mike Sabatino, Andy Cunningham, Don Lawrence.
Rutland Town Giants 5, Barlow Red Sox 4. Winning pitcher: Bobby Williamson. Hitting stars: Greg Lewis and Robbie Stubbs.

Tuesday's Results

Rutland Rec Softball
Men's C: Nailers 18, Renegades 4
Men's D: Tyler's Team 18, Maggots 2
Men's E: DOD's 16, Ranch Sloggers 14
Women's C: Cotrup Builders 10, Ryan, Smith & Carbone 9

Monday's Late Game

Women's B: Bud Light 15, Two She's 0

Wednesday's Events

Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: Dan Mart vs. Affordable Cleaning Center B, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: 3D's vs. Jilly's, Go
Men's D: CVPS vs. Two She's, JFC
Men's E: Pizza Delight vs. Buccaners, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Jilly's vs. Wayne's Body Shop, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Women's C: Tapal's vs. CarMart, MF

Summer Camps Have Openings

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is now accepting registrations for Camp Danamore and Pinehill. You can register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland. For further information call 773-1822.

Camp Danamore is a coed day camp designed for those going into grades 1-3 that will provide loads of age appropriate activities.

Pine Hill Camp will continue the great and time-tested tradition of providing a full array of activities for those going into grades 4-6 and the 12-year-olds who would like to join in on the fun. Campers will meet and be picked up at Northwest Elementary School near the gym door each day.

Included as part of the program will be a nutritious and healthy lunch.

Monday's Results

Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: AC's Tavern 10, Affordable Cleaners/Center St. Saloon 5
Men's C: Mr. C's/Midas 16, GE Yellow Jackets 4
Men's D: Phillips & Sons vs. CJA/Commercial Tire, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's E: Buccaners vs. Seward's Sales/Timber's Edge, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Women's B: Wayne's Body Shop 3, Road Runners 2
Women's C: Tapa's 15, Uncle Sam's 5
Women's D: Cotrup's Builders 20, Cripple Creek 5
Men's B: Farrell's Bud Lite 12, Paint Boys 10

Youth Leagues

Junior Babe Ruth
Saturday: Post 31, 13, West Rutland 9. Winning pitcher: Scott Drew. Hitting star: Team effort.
Monday: Post 31 8, Fair Haven 3. Winning pitcher: Scott Drew. Hitting star: Doug Barnes, Mike Delehanly.
Rutland Expos 10, Granville 9. Winning pitcher: Eric Heardon. Hitting star: Philip Charles, George Cepulski, Gary West.
Mil River 7, Manchester 5. Winning pitcher: Jesse Giambastista. Hitting star: team effort.
Mil River 12, West Rutland 6. Winning pitcher: Vijay Gaothi. Hitting star: Team effort.
Saturday: Rutland Town 16, Pittsford 6. Winning pitcher: Kap Stein. Hitting star: Sean Hunley, Carlo Baimo, James Thompson, Sam, Rutland Town 16, Brandon 13. Winning pitcher: Seth Wilson. Hitting star: Greg Walker, Kap Stein.
Midget League
Rutland Fuel 8, Keweenaw 3. Winning pitcher: Jimmy Fitzsimmons. Hitting star: Kyle Massie, Jackie Sarault, Vic Shapery.
Suburban Propane 16, Moose 3. Winning pitcher: Mike Pratt. Hitting star: Luke Cole, Joey Calcutt, Eric Cantara.
Little League
Manchester 13, Poulney 3. Winning pitcher: Nelson Harmon. Hitting star: team effort.
Proctor A's 7, Pittsford Blue Jays 5. Winning pitcher: Kevin Carley. Hitting star: Carley, Michael Longley.
Rutland Town Yankees 10, Pittsford Phillies 3. Winning pitcher: Mike Sabatino. Hitting star: Matt Odenburg, Mark Fucile, Brandon Schultz.

Alley Concert

Rutland, Singer/composers Kim and Reggie Harris perform the first Folk Alley Thursday Concert, Center Street Alley, 7-9 p.m.; rain location, First Baptist Church, 81 Center St., for information call 773-9380.

Tuesday's Results

American Legion
Chester 4, Windsor 3
Granville, N.Y. 4, Addison 3
Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: Dart Men Mar 23, Carey's Auto 8
Men's C: Center St. Saloon 7, Reds 6
Men's D: 30's 21, Jillys 20
Women's B: BRP/Thunder 14, Jillys 13
Women's C: Minter Bros. 11, Camart 13
Women's D: CJA's 15, Maggos 6
Monday's Late Games
Men's D: Phillips & Sons 12, CJA/Commercial Tire 9
Men's E: Seward Sales/Timber's Edge 18, Buccaners 15

Wednesday's Events

Legion Baseball
Rutland at Addison
Barre at South Royalton
Montpelier at Waterbury
Bennington at Brattleboro
Hartford at Windsor
Rutland Rec Baseball
Men's B: Johnson Energy/Sabry's vs. Paint Boys, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's B: Affordable Cleaners/Center St. vs. Dart Men, MF
Men's C: Nallers vs. Lindholm's JFC
Men's D: Tyler's Teams vs. Kick's, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's E: Franch Suggs vs. American Legion, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Women's B: WJUR vs. Bud Light, Go
Women's C: Cass' Pub vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MN

Folk Concert June 26 In Center Street Alley

Two of the nation's rising folk stars will perform in the first of three Folk Alley Thursday concerts June 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. in downtown Rutland's Center Street Alley.

Kim and Reggie Harris have developed a style that receives accolades across the nation. From adult-contemporary music to traditional songs, they are an experience in versatility. Songs of romance, freedom and life's humorous moments come to life in the hands of these singer/composers.

After the success of her appearance last year, Susan Werner is back for a return engagement. She is an Iowa farm girl whose songs about relationships that have unraveled or suddenly collapsed resonate with emotional truth and poignancy.

In case of rain, the show will go on at the First Baptist Church at 81 Center St.

The Folk Alley Thursdays concert series is hosted by James Mee. Other concerts in the series will be held July 18 and Aug. 14.

For more information, please call Rutland Partnership at 773-9380.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Sabrina Brown and Fred Haas perform noon concert in Depot Park, noon-1 p.m., free and open to the public, weather permitting.

Wednesday's Results

Legion Baseball
Rutland 11, Addison 9
Hartford 9, Windsor 5
Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: Bert Mar 20, Affordable Cleaners/Center St. 6
Men's C: Nallers 5, Lindholm's 3
Women's B: Bud Light 20, WJUR 2
Women's C: Cass' Pub 9, Ryan, Smith & Carbine 7
Tuesday's Late Scores
Men's E: Cass' Pub 9, Pizza Delight 8
Men's D: Maggo's 15, Cripple Creek 14

Thursday's Events

Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: Keith's Jilly's vs. Farrell Bud Lite, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's C: Price Orthodontics vs. Jilly's JFC
Men's D: CVP's vs. CJA's No. 1, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's E: VAC vs. DOD's, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Women's B: Two Sheas vs. CJA's, Go
Women's C: Jilly's vs. Maggo's/Slopie, MN

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League
Rutland South 10, Edison Raiders 3. Winning pitcher: Chris Wells. Hitting star: Team effort.
WFF 7, Suburban Propane 1. Pitching star: Nate Graham, Ezra Lemieux, Bill Leuzer.
Town & Country
Proctor A's 18, Pittsford Phillies 4. Winning pitcher: Kenny Crowningfield. Hitting star: Crowningfield, Jason Corbo, Tim Marceau.
Junior Babe Ruth
Mil River 11, Poulney 7. Winning pitcher: Jesse Giambastista. Hitting star: team effort.
Rutland Expos 9, Pittsford 6. Winning pitcher: Eric Heardon. Hitting star: Team effort.
Manchester 14, West Rutland 5. Winning pitcher: Doug Dailey. Hitting star: Team effort.
Post 31 14, Castleton 13. Winning pitcher: Ryan Lawrence. Hitting star: Team effort.

Thursday's Results

Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: Farrell Bud Lite 14, Keith's Jilly's 6
Men's C: Jilly's 15, Price Orthodontics 3
Men's D: DOD's 15, VAC 9
Women's B: Two Sheas 25, CJA's 3
Women's C: Maggo's/Slopie 20, Jilly's 8
Women's D: Wayne's 14, Jilly's 4
Wednesday's Late Games
Men's D: Tyler's Team 13, Kick's 1
Men's E: American Legion 27, Ranch Suggs 11

Friday's Events

Baseball
Twin State Classic
At Centennial Field
Vermont vs. New Hampshire, 7:30 p.m. (8 innings)
Softball
North-South At Poulney
Two games, 7 p.m. start
Rutland Rec Softball
Men's C: 30's vs. Renegades, JFC
Men's D: Feds vs. Two Sheas, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's E: Pizza Delight vs. Buccaners, Go
Women's C: CJA's vs. Hogge Penny, Jilly
Women's D: Tapa's vs. Camart, MS

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League
First Vermont 8, Eagles 7. Winning pitcher: Shawn McGraw. Save: Ted Gienucha. Hitting star: Scott Harrington, Derek Pitts.
Rutland Fuel 13, Moose 12. Winning pitcher: Kyle Massie. Hitting star: Bart Wong, with game-winning RBI.
West Rutland Little League
Braves 18, Marlins 5. Winning pitcher: Jason Lincoln. Hitting star: Steve Bowen, Brad Strickland, Josh Pazarowski.
Rocks 6, Orioles 5. Winning pitcher: Justin Brown. Hitting star: Rocks, team effort. Orioles, in Paradise.
Town & Country
Rutland Town Yankees 16, Rutland Town Rangers 2. Winning pitcher: Jon Walcott. Hitting star: Dan Lawrence, Brook Jordan, Brandon Schultz.
Junior Babe Ruth
Killing 4, Brandon 3. Winning pitcher: Shawn Lyland. Hitting star: Team effort.
Killing 5, Granville 2. Winning pitcher: Scott Sheldon. Hitting star: team effort.
Senior Babe Ruth
Mil River 7, Rutland 6. Winning pitcher: Matt Eslinger. Hitting star: Team effort.
Manchester 11, Poulney 0. Winning pitcher: Rob Gault. Hitting star: Team effort.
Girls Senior League Softball
Rutland Rebels 11, Oak Valley 9. Pitching star: Amanda Gaudin. Hitting star: Danielle Pulster, Amy Reed.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Rick Redington performs noon concert in Depot Park, noon-1 p.m., free and open to the public.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Sabrina Brown and Fred Haas perform noon concert in Depot Park, noon-1 p.m., free and open to the public, weather permitting.

Blood Pressure/Foot Clinics

Rutland, RAVNAH blood pressure and foot care clinics. Men's: starts at 9:30 a.m.; Godrick Adult Center, 2:30 p.m. (foot care only); Proctor, Library, 11:15 a.m., blood pressure, \$2; foot care, \$5.

Jazz Concert

Rutland, Vermont jazz group, Kilmanjaro performs in Main Street Park to open season of Wednesday Evening Concert Series, 7 p.m.; rain location, Grace Congregational Hall.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Concert

Rutland, Mr. Blues performs free concert at Annie's Book Stop and Ben and Jerry's, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Cooking Demonstration

Rutland, The Main Course holds free cooking demonstration: Picnic at the Symphony, how to plan for and stock item for a gourmet picnic, 5 Center St., 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., open to the public.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Gospel Concert

Rutland, Gospel concert featuring "One Accord from Burlington, 'Solid Rock' from Granville, N.Y., and Dave Davis from Rutland, Main Street Park, 6:45-9 p.m.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m.; all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Heels Over Head

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Joe Miller is three-quarters through his one-and-a-half revolution dive at White's Pool in Rutland.

Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Today

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Rick Redington performs noon concert in Depot Park, noon-1 p.m., free and open to the public.

Journey's End

Rutland, An open discussion of citizen experiences relating to the death of loved ones, sponsored by Vermont Ethics Network, Godnick Adult Center, Deer Street, 6:30 p.m., 828-2909 or 483-9343.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Gospel Concert

Rutland, Gospel concert featuring "One Accord from Burlington, "Solid Rock" from Granville, N.Y., and Dave Davis from Rutland, Main Street Park, 6:45-9 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Senior Babe Ruth
Manchester 12, Poutney 11
Winning Pitcher — Paul Malvey, Hitting Stars —
Jeffrey McGraw, Andrew Zoubak

Rutland Town 13, West Rutland 5
Winning Pitcher — Seth Wilson, Hitting Stars —
Claro Pomoa, Greg Walker

Junior Babe Ruth
Ludlow 18, Pittsford 2, Winning pitcher: Tristan
Taylor, Hitting star: Team effort, Ludlow 7, Gran-
ville, N.Y., 2, Winning pitcher: Nick Sheehan, Hit-
ting star: Team effort.

Youth Leagues

Senior Babe Ruth
Mt. River 12, Poutney 2, Winning pitcher — John
Katie, Hitting stars — Team effort.
Arlington 7, Poutney 11, 3, Winning pitcher —
Clare Burchett, Hitting stars — Team effort.

West Rutland LL
Braves 10, Giants 4, Winning pitcher — Dan Lin-
coln, Hitting stars — Kyle Jablonski and Eric
Trempier, Rockies 15, Martins 5, Winning pitcher
— Justin Brown, Hitting stars — Team effort.

4:00 PM

Adult Softball

Men's B — Carey's Auto vs. Farrell's, MF.
Men's C — Renegades vs. Jilly's, JFC.
Men's C — Nalors vs. Center Street Saloon, MS,
6:30.
Men's D — Kick's Tavern vs. Mago's, Gio.
Men's E — Carrow Heels vs. 3 O's, MN.
Women's B — BRP/Thunder vs. CJA, MS, 7:40.
Women's C — Tapas vs. CJ's, NE.

ZeroGravity

Five members of Rutland's ZeroGravity Skate Park's inline skating team competed successfully in the AllSkates Am Jam held this spring in Glen Cove Island, N.Y. the event attracted over 100 competitors.

Competing for ZeroGravity were Rutland's Myles Sparrow, Sean Ross and Dylan Goodspeed and Wallingford's Justin Pill and Jason Johnston

Pill was fifth in the advanced division and Cotter Sparrow placed 10th in the intermediate division.

ZeroGravity Skate Park is in its third year of operation as a sport and recreation facility at Rutland's Giorretti Park Pavilion.

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flow-
ers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tuesday's Results

Legion Baseball
Bottleboro 23, Chester 0
Hartford 5, Belows Falls 2
Rutland City Softball
Men's B: KC's Tavern 18, Johnson Energy
Sabbys 9
Men's C: Lindholm's Sports 8, 30's 7
Men's D: Tyler's Team 10, CJS/Commercial Tire
7
Men's E: Seward Sales/Timbers Edge 14, Ranch
Sluggers 11
Women's B: Road Runners 20, WJUR 5
Women's C: Uncle Sam's 16, Minter Bros. 13
Women's C: Colaps Builders 6 vs. Camart 2

Wednesday's Events

Legion Baseball
Addison at Waterbury
Barn at Montpelier
Rutland at Fair Haven
Windstar at Belows Falls
Chester at Hartford
Adult Softball
Men's B: Affordable Cleaning Center St. vs.
Ker's Jilly's, MF
Men's D: Phillips & Sons vs. Two Sheel's, Gio
Men's E: Buccanians vs. Seward Sales/Tim-
bers Edge, MN, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Wayne's Body Shop vs. Two
Sheel's, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Cass' Pub vs. Cripple Creek, JFC
Women's C: Jilly's vs. Hogge Penny, NE

Youth Leagues

West Rutland Little League
Knicks 16, Giants 6, Winning pitcher: Mike Sen-
cal, Hitting star: Team effort, Rockies 13, Marline
3, Winning pitcher: Don Dunchus, Hitting stars:
Andrew Klug, Dave Webster.
Rutland City Midget League
IAFF 4, Moose 3, Winning pitcher: Ezra Le-
mieux, Hitting stars: Nathaniel Marro, Colin Bu-
terly, Rutland County Senior League
Mt. River 11, West Rutland 4, Winning pitcher:
Matt Eadgier, Hitting stars: Team effort.
Rutland Town 12, Arlington 7, Winning pitcher:
Janet Girard, Hitting stars: Dan Godbout, John
Pizzanelli.
VFW 8, Rutland Town 7, Winning pitcher: Josh
Polgar, Hitting star: Chris Genovesi, Matt Socia,
Ramon Daley.
VFW Post 949 14, Poutney No. 2, 1, Winning
Pitcher: Ed Landon, Hitting star: Lucius Doonan,
Dan Pomykala, Jordan Arbour.
Rutland County Junior League
Mt. River 9, Granville 7, Winning pitcher: Vince
Gault, Hitting stars: Team effort.
Senior Babe Ruth
Manchester 9, Poutney 3, Winning pitcher: An-
drew Zoubak, Hitting star: John McGraw

Jazz Concert

Rutland, East Bay Jazz Ensemble performs
in the "seven-to-sunset concert in Main St.
Park, 7 p.m.

Noon Concert

Rutland, Mike Sullivan Trio performs noon
concert in Depot Park, free and open to the
public.

THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market

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ers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Adult Softball

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Men's C: Nalors vs. Center Street Saloon, NS
Men's D: Mago's 7, Kick's Tavern 6
Men's E: Carrow Heels 22, 3 O's 10
Women's B: BRP/Thunder vs. CJ's, NS
Women's C: CJ's 11, Tapas 10

Tuesday's Events

Legion Baseball
Bottleboro at Chester
Hartford at Belows Falls

Adult Softball

Men's B: Johnson Energy/Sabbys vs. KC's Tav-
em, MF, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: 30's vs. Lindholm's Sports, MS, 6:30
p.m.
Men's D: Tyler's Team vs. CJS/Commercial Tire,
Gio, 6:30 p.m.
Men's E: Ranch Sluggers vs. Seward Sales/Tim-
bers Edge, MN, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: WJUR vs. Road Runners, MS, 7:40
p.m.
Women's C: Minter Bros. vs. Uncle Sam's, NE,
6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Colaps Builders vs. Camart, JFC,
6:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League
Suburban Propane 6, Rutland Fuel 2, Winning
pitcher: Ryan Sharp, Hitting stars: Mike Pratt,
Joey Callan, Brandon Bushey.
Rutland Town Little League
Rutland Town Giants 11, Pittsford A's 10 — Win-
ning pitcher: Steve Shortle, Hitting stars: Seth Pi-
orick, Greg Lewis and Jay Donahue.
Rutland County Jr. Youth League
West Rutland 13, Rutland Expos 6 — Winning
pitcher: Matt Muro, Hitting stars: Team effort.
Fair Haven 11, Pittsford 3, Winning pitcher: Billy
Carfield, Hitting stars: George Rogers and Steve
Kathcart.
Arlington 6, Rutland Post 31 5 — Winning pitch-
er: Seth Crosby, Hitting: Team effort.
Ludlow 20, Castleton 5 — Winning pitcher: Nick
Sheehan, Hitting star: Joe Burns.
Rutland Senior League
Fairbrook 14, Poutney 1, 5, Winning pitcher:
Morgan Kops, Hitting stars: Jake Aase and Wes
Allen

Sprucing Up Downtown

Rutland Partnership extends its
thanks to all the volunteers who
helped beautify downtown Rutland
recently with landscape and flower
plantings.

Special thanks goes to the
Rutland Garden Club, Rutland
Scout Pack 104, Dr. Judith Hall of
Stratton Meadow Greenhouse, Skip
Pratico of Pratico Landscaping,
Miles Richards and employees of
Wal-Mart Store 2530. Thanks to
their efforts, downtown Rutland
looks more colorful and alive than
ever.

The replacement of downtown
street trees, planting of perennials
in Depot Park, and the addition of
colorful annuals in sidewalk
planters and garden areas, was
made possible by a generous grant
to Rutland Partnership from the
Wal-Mart Foundation. Wal-Mart's
strong support of environmental
efforts through its foundation has
helped enhance the look and feel of
downtown Rutland for the benefit
of all.

DICK COURCELLE
(Executive Director,
Rutland Partnership)
Rutland



Instructor Ali Blicharz helps 3-year-old Brianna Ward master her back-float at White's Pool in Rutland Friday morning during a lesson for pre-schoolers. Three more sessions of lessons are scheduled for this summer.



Anna VanLuven makes a dash for the gold.



LEARNING TO
SWIM

City Recreation Department Swimming Programs Prepare Local Youngsters for A Lifetime of Enjoyment

PHOTOGRAPHS BY DAVID JENNE

Learning to swim, for many children, can be an experience filled with fear and trepidation. For many, the lesson amounts to little more than a trip to the lake with mom and dad and getting tossed off dad's shoulders into the unknown depths. Some kids learn to swim, others learn to fear the water for the rest of their lives.

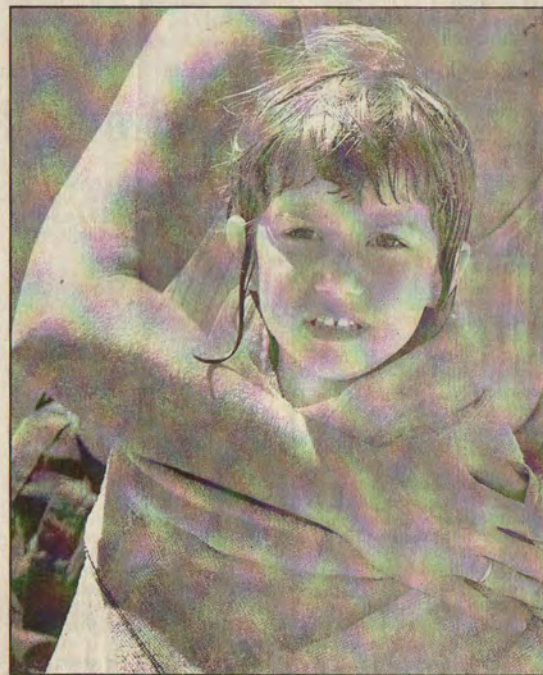
The swim programs offered by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department start with the most important lesson: learning to love the water.



Three-year-old Julianne MacDonald paddles across the pool with the help of instructor, Jennifer Lane.



The class practices kicking technique.



Small bodies sometimes need extra help warming up after long periods in the water. Here Lianna Pepe, 4, gets a towel and a squeeze from her mom, Loren.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland: A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Senior Citizens

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will meet for their regular meeting Tuesday, July 8, at the Godnick Adult Center. A bag lunch will precede the meeting at 5 p.m. Tom Carpenter, narrator of the 1947 flood tape, will answer questions and show the tape in the lounge. Sign up for a catered supper will take place at this meeting, followed by a social.

Rec Department Offering Discounts

The Rutland Recreation and Park Department is again offering discount tickets to Vermont Days at Water Slide World.

Tickets are \$15 each and will entitle everyone access to over 25 different water attractions. Normal ticket price is \$19.95 for youngsters age 11 and up, and \$17.95 for children 10 and under.

The Rutland Recreation Department is located at 39 East Center Street (Dana School) and is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Midget League Standings

- Rutland City Midget League
1. IAFF, 9-1
 2. Suburban Propane, 8-2
 3. Rutland Fuel, 6-4
 4. Edson's Raiders, 6-4
 5. Kwik, 5-4
 6. K of C, 5-4
 7. Eiks, 4-5
 8. First Vermont, 4-6
 9. Eagles, 2-7
 10. Rotary South, 3-7
 11. Moose, 1-9

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Legion Baseball

Rutland 5, Fair Haven 1
Bellows Falls 13, Windsor 2
Hardford 6, Chester 7

Adult Softball

Men's B: Keith's Wally's 13, Affordable Cleaning Center 8
Men's D: Two Sheas 6, Phillips & Sons 3
Women's C: Cass' Pub 7, Cripple Creek 0

Thursday's Events

Legion Baseball

Brattleboro at Bennington
Bellows Falls at Hardford

Rutland Adult Softball

Men's B: Paint Boys vs. Dart Mart, MF
Men's C: Reds vs. Mt. Carmel, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: Feds vs. C's No. 1, 6:00
Men's E: American Legion vs. Pizza Delight, MN
Women's B: Bud Light vs. Jilly's, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine vs. Magoo's Stogie, NE

Runners

Downtown Farmer's Market

Depot Park • Downtown Rutland
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9-2PM

- Lettuce • Spinach
- Squash • Early Greens • Peas
- Baked Goods • Handcrafted Items
- Jams & Jellies • Honey • Maple Syrup

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THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market

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Baking Demonstration

Farmer's Market

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Welcome

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignoe, 773-8656, novice game, new players welcome.

Farmer's Market

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Baseball Camp

There are still openings in the Rutland Recreation Department's baseball camp for youths aged 9-12. The camp will take place July 8-11 at the Meadow Street Fields from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each day.

The camp director is Stan Blicharz with Mike Grabowski and Kevin Bellomo also coaching. The fee is \$52.

For further information, call the recreation department at 773-1822.

Youth Leagues

Junior League

Arlington 16, Pittsford 6 (Wednesday night). Winning pitcher: Shawn Leland. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League

Rutland South 11, First Vermont 6. Winning pitcher: Mike Kimball. Hitting stars: Ryan Taylor, Jeremy Jackson.

K of C 8, Suburban Propane 5. Winning pitcher: Nick Lucas. Hitting star: Team effort.

Rutland County Little League

Proctor 12, Rutland Town Rangers 3. Winning pitcher: Kevin Carney. Hitting stars: Michael Longley, Kerry Crowningfield.

Rutland County Youth League, Juniors

Brandon 15, Rutland Expos 7. Winning pitcher: Jesse Carver. Hitting stars: Kyle Beator, Kyle Trudo.

Mill River 16, Castleton 9. Winning pitcher: Jesse Gambaista. Hitting stars: Verne Gault.

Post 31, Manchester 5. Winning pitcher: Scott Drew. Hitting stars: Drew, Pat Hackett, Doug Barnes.

Arson Suspected In Playground Fire

Rutland City Police are looking for the person who set fire to a door on an outbuilding at White's Playground early Thursday.

Officer Mike Warfle said the fire was reported shortly before 6 a.m.; a witness saw a small-bodied man or boy with blonde hair running from the area at about that time. The fire was quickly doused by the city fire department.

The door was on a building next to the area's tennis courts, Warfle said. He said the complex had suffered other vandalism this summer, including damage to a soda machine and repeated graffiti.

Anyone with information on the incidents is asked to call city police at 773-1816 or 773-1820.

Alley Folk Concert Scheduled July 17

Two of the nation's rising folk music stars will perform in the second of three Folk Alley Thursday concerts on July 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. in downtown Rutland's Center Street Alley.

George Wurzbach, who has worked as sideman and session player for Johnny Cash, Kathy Mattea and Mel Torme, talks to himself in song, much to the delight of his audiences.

His internal dialogues, made external by way of a vulnerable tenor voice and skillful piano accompaniment, are at times witty, probing, hysterical,

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market

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Today

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Farmer's Market

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Noon Concert

Rutland, Wind That Shakes the Barley performs noon concert in Depot Park.

Thursday's Results

Legion Baseball

Brattleboro 4, Bennington 2
Hardford 19, Bellows Falls 8

Rutland Adult Softball

Men's D: Cripple Creek 13, COPS 3
Men's E: Come Rest 9, Ranch Suggers 1
Women's B: WJLR 18, BRP/Thunder 19
Women's B: Farrell's Bud Light 16, Jilly's 1
Women's C: C's 18, Minster Brothers 6

Friday's Events

Legion Baseball

Brattleboro at Chester

Rutland Adult Softball

Men's B: Paint Boys vs. Dart Mart, Gio
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine vs. Magoo's Stogie, NE

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League

Rutland Fuel 10, Rotary South 8 — Winning pitcher: Carl Messie. Hitting stars: Jim Fitzsimmons and Mike Dagle.

Moose 19, Kwanis 3. Winning pitcher: Joel Nelson. Hitting stars: Dan West, Peter Hamilton and Colin Arthur. Senior League

Floodbrook 7, Mill River 3. Winning pitcher: Jason Marten. Hitting stars: Ryan Smith, Jason Harrington, Mike Kennedy and Wes Allen.

Junior League

Rutland Town 12, Arlington 11 (Wednesday night). Winning pitcher: Seth Wilson. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Rutland Town 8, Poughtry 2.5. Winning pitcher: Kyle Wilson. Hitting stars: Tony DeAngelis, John Pisarski, Mike Hogan.

THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market

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In This State

Kristin Bloomer

After A Few Days In The Pool, Things Go Swimmily

Visit White's Pool in Rutland on any hot day, and you'll find kids pushing, shoving, splashing, kicking and crowding their way toward adulthood.

Still, they aren't always so eager. Especially in the mornings, at the start of beginners' swimming lessons. "I couldn't get him off my body," Debby Bradder said of her son, 5-year-old Tommy, recalling the day of his first lesson. "We got to the fence there and he didn't want to walk through." Tommy, a shy, brown-haired boy with a bowl cut, clung to his mother's leg like it was the last safe place on Earth.

It was much the same for Ben Van Luvren. Day one of his lessons, the 3-year-old wouldn't put his face in the water. Day two, he wouldn't get in the water at all. First of all, it was raining. Second of all, he had a scrape on his knee. Third, White's Pool was a menacing ocean of thick blue water, threatening to pull him into its depths, take him down, get him.

The vibes were almost equally bad for Jacob Swane, a brown-haired 5-year old in green trunks. Each of the black lanes running down the pool's great length was

Instructors know that for kids, learning to swim is a rite of passage as important as learning to walk. Trust is key.

a snake: if he touched the bottom, he'd get bitten. All that blue wet. All these strange new teachers with big shoulders and wet hair. Mommy standing on the edge with a camera. Eeeyiiikes!

By the second week, however, the mood had shifted at White's Pool — especially for the Preschool II swimming group of four boys. No longer was Tommy Bradder clinging to his instructor's neck so tight he threatened to choke her. Soon, he was floating on his back in 17-year-old Kim Blair's strong, sun-tanned arms, only occasionally reaching out to grab the back of her bathing suit.

Even better: He, Ben, Michael McCarroll, 3, and Jacob all managed to paddle the length of the pool wearing their yellow flotation "noodles" — coaxed along by Blair and the other instructor, Luke Barron, 20, who made choo-choo noises to get the train moving.

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And by the end of the two-week session, the boys were all jumping off the diving board, one at a time — with a little help.

"Jacob! You need a noodle, Jacob," Barron told him when Jacob started to walk up the board without his flotation device. Jacob was fearless, invincible.

Until he came to the edge.

"You have to help me, Luke!" he shouted to Barron, who was standing on the board behind him. "Kim has to catch me! Kim! Kim! You have to catch me, Kim! Kim! I have to talk to you!"

She was already below.

"You hold me," Jacob ordered Barron, who complied by slipping his hands under the tyke's arms. Jacob whimpered, looking down and inching his toes to the end of the board. Blair floated below, smiling.

"Look at Kim," Barron said. "She's not gonna let anything happen, is she?" Barron counted to three and — while Jacob grimaced and held his face high in the air — lowered the boy slowly down toward the water before dropping him inches from Blair's arms.

And in that fraction of a second between Barron's hands and Blair's catch, that moment in which he splashed into the water alone, two-and-a-half-foot-tall

In This State

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Jacob discovered what it means to be a kid — autonomous, free, independent, fully alive.

Swimming, that most primeval of experiences, takes us back to the womb and, perhaps beyond that, to the muck of our evolutionary beginnings. Instructors know that for kids, learning to swim is a rite of passage as important as learning to walk. Trust is key.

"When they trust you, they start to trust themselves," Blair says.

"Every time you hold onto them, you always let them know that nothing's gonna happen," Barron adds. "Having them swim from one end of the pool to the other and then saying, 'Look, you're swimming in a place that's over your instructor's head,' helps them gain confidence."

Barron, who has been a competitive swimmer since he was 6, says that this is the most rewarding job he's ever had. Blair also loves her work; she likes seeing the difference she makes in kids' lives.

And what a difference.

Tommy Bradder wore joy all over his face as he shivered on his last day of swimming lessons Thursday. Jacob sucked on two lollipops as his reward for passing the class.

"I'm gonna win some golden medals," he said.

The older kids, who have returned for several years to continue their lessons, were still enthusiastic.

Carl Wetherby, 10, pulled himself out of the deep end, looked down and said, "I can't believe I can dive here."

"Before, I was going in the 4-foot-8-inches area," he continued. "I was too freaked. But now I have confidence. I just needed some help."

A freckle-faced Hope Francis, 6, standing beside him in a flowered pink bikini, said she already knew how to swim when she came for lessons this year.

"But I didn't know how to do a front float, back float, stuff like that. I never knew how to do a crawl. And now I can do that stuff. This place teaches us about everything."

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Photo by Chris Wideawake

Tommy Bradder, 5, of Rutland grimaces as he is dropped from the diving board into the hands of swimming instructor Kim Blair, 17, of Poultney.

MR Softball

CLARENDON — The annual softball tournament to benefit Mill River Football will take place Aug. 2-3 at Meadow Street Field in Rutland. The entry fee for the double-elimination tournament is \$125.

For more information, contact Cheryl at 773-6566 or leave a message.

Friday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Dart Mart 17, Paint Boys 9
Women's C: Magoo's/Slopie 7, Ryan, Smith & Cathrine 0

Saturday's Events

League Baseball

Montpelier at Addison
Rutland at Barre
Fair Haven at South Royalton
Bennington at Hartford
Bellows Falls at Chester
Brimleyboro at Windsor (2)

Sunday's Events

League Baseball

Barre at Addison (2)
Fair Haven at Waterbury (2)
Montpelier at South Royalton (2)
Bennington at Bellows Falls (2)
Chester at Brattleboro
Hartford at Windsor

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League
Suburban Propane 6, First Vermont Bank 3. Winning pitcher: Ryan Sharp. Hitting stars: Brian Ficket, Tom Masse, Eric Camara.
K of C 4, Kwanis 1. Winning pitcher: Kyle Bedford. Hitting star: Shawn Horvath.
Proctor Youth League
Proctor A's 8, Barlow Red Sox 3. Winning pitcher: Kevin Carty. Hitting stars: Matt Parker, Greg Miller.

Junior League
Rutland Post 31 8, Granville 4. Winning pitcher: Ryan Lawrence. Hitting stars: Ryan Lawrence, Scott Drew.

Fair Haven 11, Brandon 3. Winning pitcher: Billy Canfield. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Senior League
West Rutland 9, Poultney 6. Winning pitcher: Brian Gudek. Hitting stars: Jamie Norton, Jesse Loomis.

Noon Concert

Rutland, Wayne Carney performs noon concert in Depot Park.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball

Monday's Games

Men's B: Keith's Bally's vs. KC's Tavern, Go, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: 3D's vs. Mr. C/Midas, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: Phillips & Sons vs. Copper Creek, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's E: VAC vs. Seward's Sale/Timbers Edge, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Women's B: Two Shaws vs. Road Runners, MF, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Cotrupi Builders vs. C.J.'s, MN, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Cass' Pub vs. Uncle Sam's, JFC, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Arlington 6, West Rutland 0 — Winning pitcher: Scott Sheldon (perfect game). Hitting star: Steve McManus.

Rutland County Sr. League
Arlington 7, Mill River 6 — Winning pitcher: Jim Mason. Hitting star: Pat Cross.

Legion Baseball

Battleboro & Bellows Falls
Men's B: Dart Mutt 17, Keith's Jilly's 4
Men's C: Nalors 15, Mr. C's Mids 11
Men's D: Pizza Delight 12, VAC 11
Women's B: Two Sheas 13, Jilly's 8
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Caroline 21, Cripple Creek 21 (suspended, darkness)
Women's C: Cass' Pub 19, Car Mart 15

Wednesday's Events

Legion Baseball

Addison at Rutland
South Royalton at Barre
Waterbury at Montpelier
Winchester at Hartford

Rutland Adult Softball

Men's B: KC's vs. Farnell's Bud Light, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: 30's vs. Center St., MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: Phillips & Sons vs. C.J's No. 1, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's E: Seward Sales/Timber's Edge vs. DOD's MF
Women's B: Road Runners vs. C.J's JFC
Women's C: Cripps vs. Uncle Sam's NE

Adult Softball (Monday Night)

Paint Boys 14, Affordable Cleaning/Center St. 9
GE 8, Jilly's 3
Rads 19, Price 3
American Legion 16, Buccaneers 1
Bud Life 11, Wayne's Body Shop 1
Hoggy Penny 21, Magoo's Spotlight 14
Tapes 15, Jilly's 0
Cripple Creek 16, Feds 15

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Senior League

Mill River 17, Poultny 1, 4. Winning pitcher: Matt Eslinger. Hitting stars: Team effort.
Manchester 7, Rutland 4. Winning pitcher: Rob Gaiotti. Hitting stars: John Calt, Steven Hubner.
Rutland Town 13, Proctor 1. Winning pitcher: Angel Shannon. Hitting stars: Kyle Wilson, Tony D'Angelis, Sam Fucile.

Junior Babe Ruth

Fair Haven 19, West Rutland 3. Winning pitcher: Billy Canfield. Hitting star: Seth Mervet.

Midget League

Edson Raiders 16, Eagles 10. Winning pitcher: Brad Basso. Hitting star: Anthony Patroni.
Moscow 14, Rusty South 9. Winning pitcher: Andrew Barber. Hitting stars: Joel Nelson with a home run and double, Colin Arthur.

West Rutland Little League

Marline 14, Gears 13. Winning pitcher: Brad Carmack. Hitting star: Matt Poyack. Jell'Wos Orioles 11, Braves 13. Winning pitcher: Jason Lincoln. Hitting star: Dan Lincoln. San Paradise.

(Monday Night Results)

Junior Babe Ruth

Arlington 11, Mill River 5. WP — Shawn Lealand. Hitting Stars — Team effort. Post 51, E. Rutland Expos 2, WP — Scott Drew. Hitting Stars — Pat Hackett and Scott Drew.

Little League

Rutland Town Rangers 7, Rutland Red Sox 5. WP — Mike Frederite. Hitting Stars — Team effort.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Staining Workshop

Today

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Farmers Market

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Sports Scan

All-Star Games

The Rutland County Youth Baseball League will feature its all-star games on July 13 at Northwood Park in Rutland Town.

The Junior League all stars will play at 12:30 p.m. The West Division includes all stars from Arlington, Manchester, Rutland Expos, Fair Haven, Castleton, Poultny and Granville, N.Y. The East Division all-star players are from Ludlow, Mill River, Rutland Town, Rutland Post 31, Pittsford, West Rutland and Brandon. Two players were selected from each team.

The Senior League all stars will follow with a game at 3:15 p.m. The West Division includes all stars from Arlington, Manchester, Mill River, Floodbrook and Poultny No. 1. The East all star players are from Proctor, Poultny No. 2, Rutland Town, Rutland VFW and West Rutland. Three players were selected from each team.

Senior League All Stars West Division

Arlington: Tony Moore, Ben Green, James Blackburner; Manchester: Robert Gaiotti, Rich Dailey, Robert Yelinski; Mill River: Stephen Coote, Tom Turgeon, Jaime White; Poultny I: Jon Simons, David Simons, Jason Rudnicki; Flood Brook: Jason Merino, Jake Arace, Morgan Korpi.

East Division

Proctor: Joe Wolfe, Pat Rider, Ed Upson; Poultny II: Andrew Pettis, Ed Grovesbeck, Noah Illinski; Rutland Town: Greg Snow, Jaime Girard, Angel Shannon; Rutland City: Josh Polgar, Jordan Arbour, Kevin Bedard; West Rutland: Jamie Norton, Dan Boudreau, Brian Gudelis.

Junior League All Stars West Division

Arlington: Aaron Wood, Stephen McManus; Manchester: Nelson Harmon, Doug Dailey; Rutland Expos: Joe Stuker, Dennis Duby; Fair Haven: Phil Bourn, John Rogers; Poultny: Aaron Hayes, Jesse Groesbeck; Granville: Dan Williams, Aaron Reid.

East Division

Ludlow: Nick Sheehan, Tristan Taylor; Mill River: Vince Gaiotti, Michael Gage; Rutland Town: James Thomson, Carlo Romeo; Rutland Post 31: Scott Drew, Pat Hackett; Pittsford: Matt Candon, Brian Kamuda; West Rutland: Dan Riter, Matt Murro; Brandon: David Ketcham, Nick Sahle.

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Junior League Wednesday

Brandon 20, Poultny 3. Winning pitcher: Jesse Carwerk. Hitting star: Nick Sahle, 5-for-5.

Senior League

Poultny No. 2 & Poultny No. One 7. Winning pitcher: Noah Illinski. Save — Ed Groesbeck. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Junior League

West Rutland 11, Pittsford 4. Winning pitcher: Travis Butler. Hitting star: Garrett McDermott.

Rutland Adult Softball

Monday's Results

Men's B: Keith's Jilly's vs. KC's Talent, p.p.d.
Men's C: 30's 13, Mr. C's Mids 12
Men's D: Cripple Creek 10, Phillips & Sons 9
Men's E: VAC vs. Seward Sales/Timber's Edge, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Women's B: Road Runners 18, Two Sheas 9
Women's C: C.J's 19, Cripps Builders 9
Women's C: Cass' Pub 15, Uncle Sam's 9

Rutland Adult Softball

Tuesday's Games

Men's B: Carey's Auto vs. Paints Boys, Gio, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Nalors vs. Price Orthodontics, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: C.J's/Commercial Tree vs. Magoo's, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's E: Caris Reels Badgers vs. American Legion, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Women's B: BRP/Thunder vs. Bud Light, MF, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Metzner Brothers vs. Jilly, MS, 8:50 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League — K of C 7, Eagles 2. Winning pitcher: Justin Pomykala. Hitting star: team effort.
Suburban Propane 10, Edson's Raiders 1. Winning pitcher: Ryan Sharp. Hitting star: team effort.

Rutland County Sr. League

VFW 648 12, West Rutland 7 — Winning pitcher: Ed Landon. Hitting stars: Shaun Baker, Chris Geiswold and Josh Polgar.
Florida 4, Manchester 2 — Winning pitcher: Chris Doane. Hitting: team effort.

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Woodchuck's Revenge performs noon concert in Depot Park, free and open to the public.

Tuesday's Games

Adult Softball

Men's B — Keith's Jilly's vs. Dart Mart, MS 6:30
Men's C — Nalors vs. Mr. C's Mids, MS 7:40
Men's D — CVPS Rec Club vs. Magoo's, MS 8:50
Men's E — VAC vs. Pizza Delight, MF
Women's B — Two Sheas vs. Jilly's JFC
Women's C — Ryan, Smith & Caroline vs. Cripple Creek, MF
Women's C — Cass' Pub vs. Car Mart, NE

Today

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Today

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Downtown Brass performs noon concert in Depot Park.

Big Success In Recreation

On June 28, 250 athletes from the Greater Rutland Youth Soccer League competed in the Rutland City Recreation Soccer Tournament at the Polo Fields in Chittenden. This was the climax of the Rutland City Rec's and other area town's youth soccer league's seven-week spring season. Eighteen under-12 teams, as well as five under-14 teams, competed for first and second place trophies. Congratulations go to Sherburne's way under-12 team (they had in their ranks a first and third grader), and also to Rutland Town's under-14 team for their first place victories. Congratulations to Rutland City Rec's France under-12 team for a second place finish. Congratulations also to the Fair Haven Grey Rattlers who placed second in the under-14 league. The enthusiasm and good sportsmanship among player, coaches and parents was outstanding.

We would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of coaches, parents and non-parent volunteers who gave so much of their time to make the day a great success. There are too many of you to name individually. Thanks also goes to the high school students who did great jobs as referees. The program department of Rutland City Recreation Department is very deserving of special appreciation for the superbly organized season and tournament.

Special thanks go to the following local businesses who helped sponsor the event: Beer King, Dunkin Donuts and Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. We sure appreciate your interest in

local sporting events for our area youths.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at this event and are looking forward to the fall Rutland City Recreation soccer program.

KATHI AND TIM CASSIDY
West Rutland

Concert

Rutland, Big Joe Burrell and the Unknown Blues Band perform blues, jazz and pop music in concert in Main St. Park, 7-9 p.m.

Noon Concert

Rutland, Wayne Canney performs noon concert in Depot Park.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Downtown Brass performs noon concert in Depot Park.

Sisters

By CATHERINE CROSS
Herald Correspondent

It is easy to tell that Katrina and Maria McDonough are sisters. Not only do they share physical similarities and vocal intonations, but they both have summer jobs as lifeguards in Rutland.

Their jobs are the same and so are their work places. The pools these Rutland natives work at have grassed-in areas for sitting and sunbathing, and blue, sparkling water with several high lifeguard chairs. Kids scream with joy in the water and the snack bars at each location make a killing satisfying appetites for junk food. The atmospheres are the picture of summer.

The McDonough sisters loved their childhood experiences at pools so much that they have continued it as young adults. These siblings both started taking lessons at White's Pool when they were little girls. Progressing through the ranks of swimming lessons, they both made it to the lifesaving level and became certified lifeguards.

After substituting for a year at White's, Katrina moved into the chair full time. Maria, following in her sister's footsteps, got a full-time position at the Northwood Pool two years later.

Both sisters say they love their jobs. "Teaching the kids how to swim is

Employee:
Katrina McDonough

Position:
Lifeguard

Employer:
White's Pool, Rutland

Age:
19

Hours:
30-35

Plus:
Both agree, being with kids, especially in swimming lessons.



what I like most about my job," says Katrina.

Maria, sitting near her sister, nods in agreement and adds, "I like everything. It's a great pool. I like the

atmosphere, the people I work with and my boss."

The young women agree that failing kids in swimming class is one negative aspect of their jobs.

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Friday's Events

Legion Baseball
Brattleboro at Chester
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B KC's vs. Farrell Bud Light, p.p.d.
Men's C: Renegades vs. Center St. p.p.d.
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets vs. Price Orthodox
tix, p.p.d.
Men's D: Tyler's Team vs. C's No. 1, p.p.d.
Men's E: American Legion vs. Caris Reels, p.p.d.
Women's C: Cripple Creek vs. Magoo's/Stoplie
p.p.d.

Little League

Rutland County			
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Rutland Town Red Sox	11	1	
Proctor Red Sox	10	3	
Rutland Town Giants	9	3	
Brandon Blue Seal	9	4	
First Brandon	10	6	
Brandon Lions	7	4	
Pittsford Blue Jays	7	5	
Rutland Town Yankees	7	6	
Barstow Red Sox	7	6	
Proctor A's	6	5	
Colchen	5	6	
Rutland Town Rangers	5	7	
Pittsford Red Sox	5	7	
Pittsford A's	6	8	
Brandon Rotary	5	8	
Barstow Marlins	1	10	
Pittsford Phillies	0	13	

Thursday's Results

Legion Baseball
Addison 1, Rutland 0
Hartford 7, Windsor 3
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's C: Reds 15, GE Yellow Jackets 6
Men's C: 3D's 9, Center St. 1
Women's B: Wayne's Body Shop 9, C's 7
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine 9, Carmant 8
Wednesday's Late Scores
Men's D: Feds 15, CVPS 5
Men's E: Ranch Suggers 22, Pizza Delight 15

Friday's Events

Legion Baseball
Brattleboro at Chester
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B KC's vs. Farrell Bud Light, MF
Men's C: Renegades vs. Center St., MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets vs. Price Orthodox, Go
Men's D: Tyler's Team vs. C's No. 1, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's E: American Legion vs. Caris Reels, MN
Women's C: Cripple Creek vs. Magoo's/Stoplie, JFC

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League Playoffs
Eagles 25, Rotary South 2. Winning pitcher: Ira White. Hitting stars: Devin Suhr and Jeremy Pelletier.

Rutland Adult Softball

Through July 7
Men's B
Dart Mart 7-0; Paint Boys 5-3; Affordable Cleaners/Center St. 4-3; Kait's Hilly's 4-4; Carey's Auto 4-4; Farrell's 3-5; Johnson Energy 0-8
Men's C
Mr. C/Midas 6-1; 3D's 6-2; Center St. 5-2; Nalens 5-3; GE 4-3; Reds 4-3; Indolent's 4-4; Jilly's 3-5; Renegades 1-7; Price Orthodox 0-7.
Men's D
C's 6-1; Tyler's Team 6-2; Cripple Creek 5-2; Magoo's 5-3; Phillips & Sons 4-4; Two Sheas 4-4; Feds 3-4; Kick's 3-6; C's/Commercial Tie 2-7; CVPS 1-6.

Men's E
American Legion 6-1; VAC 6-2; Pizza Delight 4-3; Succaneers 4-4; Caris Reels 4-4; Seward Sales/Timber's Edge 4-4; DOD's 3-5; Ranch Suggers 7-8.
Women's B
Bud Light 7-0; Road Runners 5-3; Wayne's Body Shop 5-3; BRP/Thunder 4-4; Two Sheas 4-4; Jilly's 3-4; WJUR 2-6; C's 1-7.
Women's C
Caci's Pub 7-1; C's 7-1; Cough Builders 7-1; Tapes 6-2; Uncle Sam's 5-2; Hogge Penny 4-4; Metzger Brothers 4-4; Ryan, Smith & Carbine 2-5; Carmant 2-6; Cripple Creek 2-6; Magoo's/Stoplie 1-6; Jilly's 0-8.

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Dart Mart 4, Johnson Energy/Sabby's 1
Men's C: Lindholm's 14, Jilly's 12
Men's C: Reds 20, Mr. C's/Midas 14
Women's B: Jilly's 12, WJUR 5
Women's C: Tapes 25, Hogge Penny 4
Women's C: Uncle Sam's 11, Cough Builders 10

Thursday's Events

Legion Baseball
Hartford at Rutland
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Affordable Cleaners/Center St. vs. Farrell's Bud Light, Go
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets vs. Reds, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: 3D's vs. Center St., MN
Men's D: Kick's vs. Two Sheas, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's E: Succaneers vs. DOD's, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Women's B: Wayne's Body Shop vs. C's, MF
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine vs. Carmant, C

Tuesday's Results

Legion Baseball
Chester 16, Hartford 6
Brattleboro 6, Belvidere Falls 2
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Paint Boys 18, Carey's Auto 5
Men's C: Nalens vs. Price Orthodox, p.p.d.
Men's C: C's/Commercial Tie vs. Magoo's, p.p.d.
Men's E: Caris Reels Badgers vs. American Legion, p.p.d.
Women's B: Bud Light 7, BRP/Thunder 0
Women's C: Minster Brothers 18, Jilly's 6

Wednesday's Events

Legion Baseball
Waterbury at Addison
Windsor at Barre
Rutland at Fair Haven
Dunsmuir at Brattleboro
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Johnson Energy/Sabby's, Go
Men's C: Lindholm's vs. Jilly's, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Reds vs. Mr. C/Midas, MN, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: CVPS vs. Feds, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's E: Pizza Delight vs. Ranch Suggers, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Women's B: Jilly's vs. WJUR, MF
Women's C: Tapes vs. Hogge Penny, JFC
Women's C: Cough Builders vs. Uncle Sam's, IE, 6:30 p.m.

Senior Citizens
The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will meet at the Godnick Adult Center, off Deer Street, Tuesday, July 22. A bag lunch will take place at 5 p.m. The catered supper, reserved for this date, has been moved to Aug. 26. Entertainment will follow.

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Unknown Blues Band to Perform

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Wednesday July 16 concert in Main Street Park will feature the "Unknown Blues Band" from 7 to 9 p.m. Big Joe Burrell and his Unknown Blues band will perform blues, jazz and pop music.

The Unknown Blues Band derives its tongue-in-cheek name from the increasingly well-known fact that the other four members of the band are also in the recording and touring, jazz-pop group "Kilimanjaro." What began for the four veteran players as an off-night "alter ego" now has grown into a constantly working unit.

This year the Rutland Area Community Services, located at 7 Court Square, will make their restroom facilities available during this time. They will also be organizing activities for children for a half-hour prior to the concert and during intermission.

In the event of rain, the concert will take place at Grace Congregational Church. Listen to local radio for concert updates or call 775-2030 the day of the event. The concerts are free and open to the public.

Sports Scan

Hershey Track

SOUTH BURLINGTON — Local athletes fared well at the Vermont State Hershey Track and Field Meet at South Burlington High School on July 19.

Eric Grose took a first place in the 100 and 200 meters. **Neiman Grose** also had first place wins in the 100 and 200 meters.

Shane Greene finished second in the 100 and 200 meter runs and second in the standing long jump, while **Carson Laderoute** had a first in the softball throw.

Andrea Lunt was seventh in the 100 meter run and **Kathleen Sanborn** finished eighth in the softball throw. **Peter Forsyth** finished seventh in the 1600 meter run and was eighth in the standing long jump.

Participants can pick up their ribbons and certificates at the Dana Recreation Center in Rutland.

Highlands Music Performed at CSC

CASTLETON — The Invermark Piping and Drumming Workshop presents "Music From the Highlands of Scotland" in the Castleton State College Fine Arts Center Thursday, July 24, at 7:15 p.m.

Performers include Pipe Major Norman Gillies of Allapool, Scotland, premier prize winner of many competitions in Scotland; Donald Lindsay, co-founder of the Invermark College of Piping and the first American piper to win a major prize in Scotland; Angus MacColl, one of the most outstanding competitors and players in the world today; James McGilvray, one of Canada's best all-around pipers and a former member of the world champion 78th Fraser Highlanders pipe band; and Norman McLeod, drumming judge and first full-time professional drumming instructor in the United States.

Proceeds from the concert will be applied to the Student Scholarship Fund of the Invermark College of Piping. Requested donations are \$8 for adults, \$3 for children and seniors, \$10 for families.

Music Fest Comes To Children, Seniors

Thanks to the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation, the Killington Music Festival this season brings its music to people who cannot otherwise attend: children, senior citizens and others.

According to Holly Hitchcock, a Foundation trustee, the grant was awarded because the festival reached out to improve the lives of people who need it the most, especially the elderly. Improving the quality of people's lives is a major objective of the foundation.

The grant funds scholarships for young professionals, making it possible for them to attend the Killington

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Music Festival.

There are three different string quartets performing in over a dozen locations in late July. Members of the quartets are professionals, and students preparing for a performance career, who are at Killington for a six-week intensive solo and chamber music study.

Several of these musicians, who come from Spain, Venezuela, Taiwan, and the United States, perform with national orchestras or chamber groups.

Concerts have already been performed at the Vermont Achievement Center, Camp Danamore of the Rutland Recreation Department, on Adelphe Cable Public access television program, Sunset Home and McKerley Nursing Home. Seven concerts remain.

Killington Music Festival musicians will perform for the residents at Meadows at East Mountain, Forest Park, Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, Rutland Recreation Department, Marble Valley Correctional Facility, Eden Park Nursing Home and Sheldon Towers.

For more information about Killington Music Festival, call 773-4003.

Archaeologist Will Help Kids Explore

Archaeologist Sheila Charles will lead junior archaeologists in a hands-on exploration of the history of Rutland and the Chaffee Art Center's home building, Sunny Gables, in early August.

Budding scientists, artists, historians and all others, ages 8 and over, can learn about life in one of Rutland's fine

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Swim Meet

The Southern Vermont Swim League Championship will be hosted by Rutland at White's Pool on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. There will be 450 swimmers ages 6-18 competing. They will have an opportunity to earn qualifying times for the State Meet and to set league records.

Defending league champion Rutland brings a 7-0 record into the meet.

International Folk Dancing

Rutland, Godnick Center, 7-9 p.m., no partner necessary, all ages welcome, call 438-2920.

Noon Concert

Rutland, Bruce White performs noon concert in Depot Park.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Farrells But Life vs. Dart Men Mart, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Lindholm Sports vs. Center Street Soccer, JFC, 8:30 p.m.
Men's D: CJ's Commercial Tire vs. Two She's, MF, 8:30 p.m.
Men's E: DOD's vs. Pizza Delight, Go, 8:30 p.m.
Women's B: CJ's vs. Jilly's, MN, 8:30 p.m.
Women's C: Metzger Brothers vs. Hogge Penny Inn, MS, 7:40 p.m.

Rutland County Youth Baseball

**Senior League
West Division**
1. Floodbrook 16-1
2. Manchester 6-1
3. Mill River 6-4
4. Arlington 2-6
5. Poulitney 11-8

East
1. Rutland Town 7-3
2. Rutland VFW 5-3
3. Proctor 4-7
4. West Rutland 7-6
5. Poulitney 12-9

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignone, 773-8656, novice game, new players welcome.

THINGS TO DO

Concert

Rutland, The Scott Latzky Trio performs in the "seven-to-sunset" concert in Main St. Park, 7 p.m.

Noon Concert

Rutland, Lisa McCormick performs noon concert in Depot Park.

Career Workshop



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Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., beginning Aug. 2, come shop with a chef at 10 a.m.

Walking Tour

Senior Citizens Picnic

Rutland, The American Legion Post 31, hosts annual senior picnic which features music, bingo, door prizes and food, Giorgetti Park, 12:30 p.m., free ticket at the Post, call 773-9777 if unable to get to the Legion.

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Tomorrow
 7-29
 THINGS TO DO

Park Concert
 Rutland, The Quintessential Brass performs in the "seven-to-sunset" concert in Main St. Park, 7 p.m.

Noon Concert
 Rutland, James Mee performs noon concert in Depot Park.

Tomorrow
 7-30
 THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market
 Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food, flowers, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Undefeated Swimmers

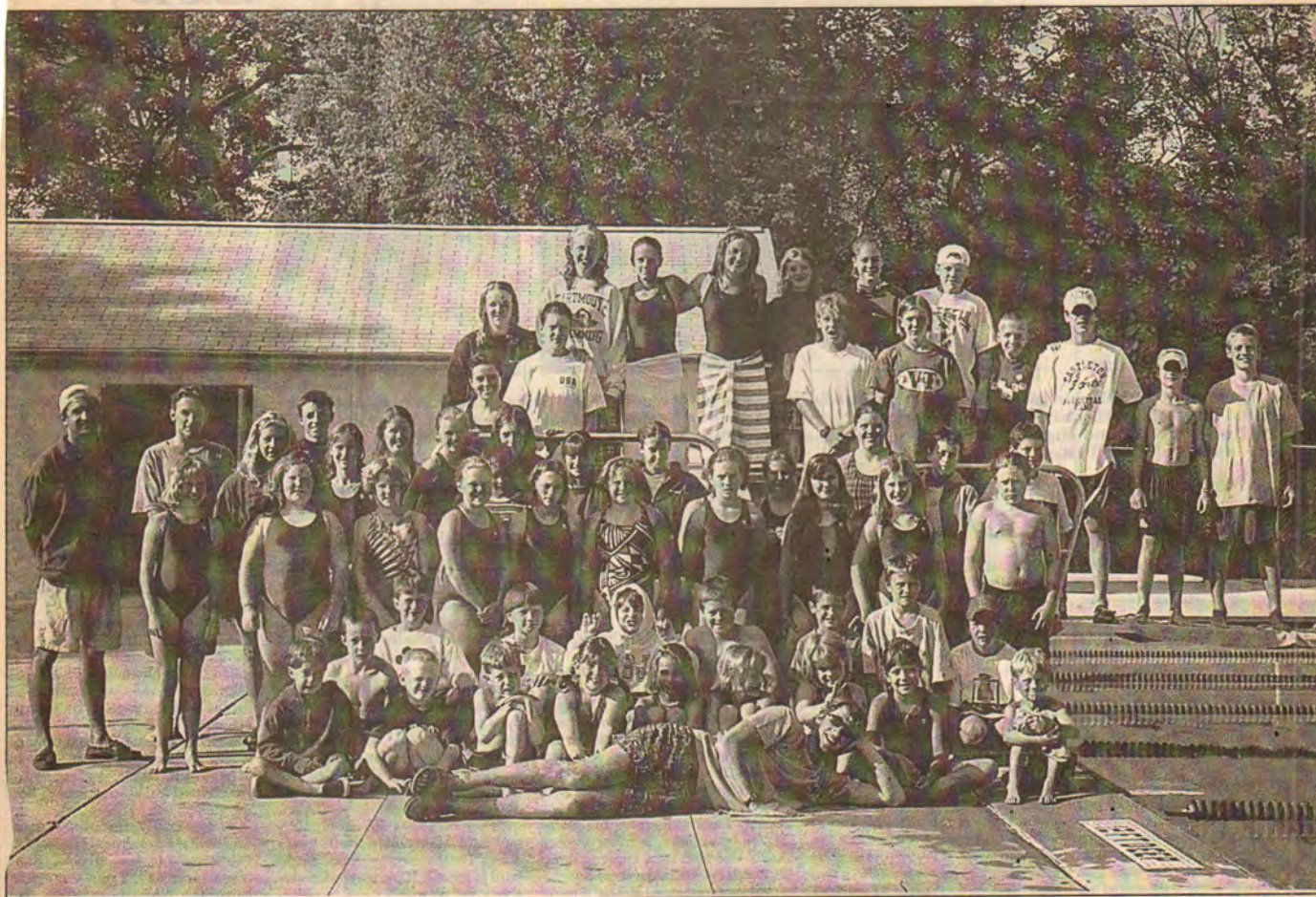


Photo courtesy of Pat Facey

The undefeated Rutland Swim Team is competing in the Vermont State Championship Meet on Saturday and Sunday at Middlebury College.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Farmer's Market

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Today

THINGS TO DO

Concert

Rutland, The Quintessential Brass performs in the "seven-to-sunset" concert in Main St. Park, 7 p.m.

Noon Concert

Rutland, James Mee performs noon concert in Depot Park.

Bus Trip to 'Annie' 128 Planned for Aug. 20

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Center is sponsoring a bus trip to see "Annie" at the Lakes Region Summer Theatre in Merideth, N.H., Wednesday, Aug. 20.

Registration is now ongoing at the Godnick Adult Center. The fee of \$39 per person is payable at time of registration.

The price includes transportation, a ticket for "Annie" at the Lakes Region Summer Theatre and lunch at the Wolfeboro Inn.

The Vermont Transit bus will leave the Godnick Center at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 7:30 p.m.

For more information please call the center at 773-1853.

Friday's Results

Legion Baseball
Bellevue Falls 6, Bennington 2
Brattleboro 8, Chester 2
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's C: Reds 21, Jilly's 9
Men's C: Nalors 21, Price Orthodontics 9
Men's D: Kicks 9, C's No. 1 15
Men's E: VAC 20, Seward Sales/Timbers Edge 15
Women's C: C's 13, Cass' Pub 4
Women's C: Uncle Sam's 30, Ryan, Smith & Carbine 15

Saturday's Events

Hockey
Males A-Wish Classic: VI vs. I/II 6:00 p.m.
Legion Baseball
Address at Barre
Montpelier at Rutland
Bennington at Hartford
Bellevue Falls at Chester
Windsor at Brattleboro, DH

Sunday's Events

Legion Baseball
St. Royalton at Adirondack, DH
Fair Haven at Barre, DH
Waterbury at Rutland, DH
Windsor at Bennington, DH
Hartford at Brattleboro, DH

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Little League Tournament
Rutland Town 14, Pittsford Blue Jays 3
Winning pitcher: Greg Lewis. Hitting stars: Steve Shottle, Robbie Steadman and Bobby Wilkerson.
Other semifinal: Proctor Red Sox defeated the Proctor A's.

Rutland County Jr. League
Rutland Town 16, Castleton 15 — Winning pitcher: Seth Wilson. Hitting stars: Adam Root and Chris Romeo.

Rutland City Middle League Championship
IAFF 3, Suburban Propane 1 — Winning pitcher: Nate Graham. Hitting and defense: Team effort.

Rutland County Sr. League
VFW Post 448 13, Arlington 5 — Winning pitcher: Josh Polgar. Hitting stars: Kevin Bedard, Ronan Daly and Polgar.

Friday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Keith's 22, KC's 12
Men's C: Center St. 15, Jilly's 6
Men's D: C.J. No. 1, Phillips & Sons 0 (Suspended after 4 innings)
Men's E: DOD's 14, Seward Sales/Timbers Edge 12
Women's D: C's Commercial Tie 11, C's No. 17
Women's C: Cass' Pub 17, Jilly's 3

Senior Citizens Picnic

Rutland, The American Legion Post 31, hosts annual senior picnic which features music, bingo, door prizes and food. Giorgetti Park, 12:30 p.m., free ticket at the Post, call 773-9777 if unable to get to the Legion.

Wednesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Affordable Cleaning/Center St. 15, Carey's 13
Men's C: Lindholm's 5, Mr. C's/Midas 1
Men's D: Reds 15, Phillips & Sons 7
Women's B: BRP/Thunder 16, Wayne's Body Shop 15
Women's C: Tapat 16, Minter Brothers 6
Women's C: Magos/Stopline 13, Cripple Creek 12

Thursday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Dart Mart vs. KC's Tavern, JFC
Men's B: Affordable Cleaning/Center St. Saloon vs. Farrell's Bud Lite, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's C: Reds vs. Nalors, 8:30 p.m.
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets vs. Price Orthodontics, MF, 8:30 p.m.
Men's D: Two She's vs. Magos, MN
Men's E: Plaza Delight vs. Seward Sales/Timbers Edge, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Women's B: Jilly's vs. Road Runners, Rotary, 8:30 p.m.
Women's C: Carmat vs. Magos/Stopline, NE

Youth Leagues

Junior Babe Ruth
Fair Haven 15, Manchester 3, Winning pitcher: Billy Canfield. Hitting star: Team effort.
Post 31 15, Rutland Town 2, Winning pitcher: Scott Deane. Hitting star: Team effort.
Poultney 10, Adirondack 10, Winning pitcher: Aaron Hayes. Hitting star: Team effort.
Mill River 26, Brandon 8, Winning pitcher: Vinny Gascio. Hitting star: Team effort.

Thursday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Dart Mart 21, KC's 14
Men's B: Farrell's Bud Lite 14, Affordable Cleaning/Center St. Saloon 13
Men's C: Reds 8, Nalors 6
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets 17, Price Orthodontics 4
Men's D: Magos's 8, Two She's 7
Men's E: Seward Sales/Timbers Edge 7, Plaza Delight 0
Women's B: Jilly's 12, Road Runners 7
Women's C: Carmat 24, Magos/Stopline 10

Friday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Keith's 11, Jilly's vs. KC's, MS, 8:15 p.m.
Men's C: Center St. vs. Jilly's, Gio, 8:15 p.m.
Men's D: Phillips & Sons vs. C's No. 1, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's E: Seward Sales/Timbers Edge vs. DOD's, JFC, 8:15 p.m.
Men's D: C's Commercial Tie vs. C's No. 1, MN, 8:15 p.m.
Women's C: Cass' Pub vs. Jilly's, MF, 8:15 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Senior League
Floodbrook 14, Poultney No. 12, Winning pitcher: Brian Coleman. Hitting stars: Matt Hathaway, Jason Harrington, Morgan Corby.
West Rutland 6, Rutland Town 4, Winning pitcher: Brian Gudelin. Hitting stars: John Riller and Jason Hart.
VFW 648 7, Poultney No. 2 0, Winning pitcher: Ed Landon. Hitting stars: Kevin Bedard, Dan Omykalski, Chris Garavito.
Mill River 14, Manchester 4, Winning pitcher: Matt Esslinger. Hitting stars: Team effort with 14 hits.

Monday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Keith's 11, Jilly's 12, Johnson Energy/Sabty's 10
Men's C: Price Orthodontics 10, Renegades 4
Men's D: Kicks Tavern 8, Cripple Creek 7
Men's E: VAC vs. Ranch Sloggers, MS, late game
Women's B: Two She's 15, WJUR 7
Women's C: Cotrup Builders 20, Hodge Penny Inn 10
Women's C: Uncle Sam's 15, Cripple Creek 10

Tuesday's Events

Men's B: Paint Boys vs. Farrell's Bud Lite, JFC, 8:30 p.m.
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets vs. 3D's, Go, 8:30 p.m.
Men's D: CVP's Rec. Club/Tyler's Team, MN, 8:30 p.m.
Men's E: American Legion vs. DOD's, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Women's B: Bud Light vs. C's, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine vs. CJS, MF, 8:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Rutland Town 18, Castleton 5 — Winning pitcher: Chad Drake. Hitting stars: James Thompson and Seth Wilson.
Brandon 6, West Rutland 1 — Winning pitcher: Jesse Carswell. Hitting star: Jesse Carswell.
Manchester 14, Castleton 13 — Winning pitcher: Jason McGonagle. Hitting team effort.
Rutland County Sr. League
Mill River 13, Rutland Town 7 — Winning pitcher: Matt Esslinger. Hitting star: Tom Colomb.
Rutland County Jr. League
Poultney 27, Rutland Exps 11, Winning pitcher: Eric Traverse. Hitting star: Team effort.

Monday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Affordable Cleaning/Center Street Saloon vs. Dart Mart, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Reds 14, 3D's 4
Men's D: Nalors vs. Jilly's, 8:50 p.m.
Men's E: Phillips & Sons 18, Magos 6
Men's E: Plaza Delight 13, Buccanere 6
Women's B: Jilly's 12, Wayne's Body Shop 11
Women's C: Tapat 6, Cotrup Builders 5
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine 24, Cripple Creek 23

Tuesday's Events

Men's B: KC's Tavern vs. Carey's Auto, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets vs. Renegades, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: CJS/Commercial Tie vs. Cripple Creek, 8:15 p.m.
Men's D: Feds vs. Tyler's Team, JFC, 8:15 p.m.
Men's E: Seward's Sales/Timbers Edge vs. Carv's Reels, MS, 8:15 p.m.
Women's B: Road Runners vs. BRP/Thunder, MN, 8:15 p.m.
Women's C: Minter Bros. vs. Magos/Stopline, Rotary, 8:15 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Playoffs
Fair Haven 5, Poultney 2 — Winning pitcher: James Durlaway. Hitting: Team effort.
Rutland Post 31 10, Mill River 1 — Winning pitcher: Scott Deane. Hitting stars: Ryan Lawrence and Pat Hackett.

'Art in the Park' 85 Is This Weekend

Over 115 juried artists, craftspeople, and specialty food producers will be represented at the Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts 36th Annual Art in the Park Summer Festival Aug. 9 and 10 in Rutland's Main Street Park.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is by donation, and all who donate will be eligible for prize drawings each day.

All types of handicrafts and art will be on exhibit and available for purchase at the festival. The visual arts are represented by a selection of oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, sculpture and photographs.

A full array of crafts will be featured: baskets, tie-dyed clothing, pottery, stained glass, wooden toys and furniture, birdhouses, dried floral pieces, children's clothing, jewelry, and much more.

Demonstrations of works in progress will be held throughout the weekend. Specialty food producers will tempt your taste buds with samples of fudge, candies, herbal dips and vinegars.

Art in the Park is Vermont's oldest continuing arts tradition, and the Chaffee's major fund-raising event, occurring twice yearly in mid-summer and autumn. All proceeds go to further the Chaffee's community art education programs.

For more information, call the Chaffee at 775-0356.

Tomorrow

85 THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert
Rutland, Michael Kelley performs noon concert in Depot Park.

Monday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Affordable Cleaning/Center Street Saloon vs. Dart Mart, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Reds vs. 3D's, JFC, 8:15 p.m.
Men's C: Nalors vs. Jilly's, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: Phillips & Sons vs. Magos, MF, 8:15 p.m.
Men's E: Buccanere vs. Plaza Delight, MS, 8:15 p.m.
Women's B: Wayne's Body Shop vs. Jilly's, MN, 8:15 p.m.
Women's C: Tapat vs. Cotrup Builders, Rotary, 8:15 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Senior League
Playoffs (Tournament Semifinals)
Mill River 13, Floodbrook 5, Winning pitcher: John Kalle. Hitting stars: John Turgeon with a home run.
VFW 648 6, West Rutland 4, Winning pitcher: Josh Polgar. Hitting stars: Ryan Campbell, Fred Miles, Ronan Daly, Kevin Bedard.

Tuesday's Results

Rutland Recreation Softball
Men's B: KC's Tavern 12, Carey's Auto 4
Men's D: Cripple Creek 9, CJS/Commercial Tie 8
Men's D: Feds 9, Tyler's Team 7
Men's E: Seward's Sales/Timbers Edge 16, Carv's Reels 10
Women's B: Road Runners 16, BRP/Thunder 4
Women's C: Minter Bros. 19, Magos/Stopline, Rotary 7

Wednesday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Fane's vs. Johnson Energy/Sabty's, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Lindholm's vs. Price Orthodontics, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: Two She's vs. C's No. 1, MF, 8:15 p.m.
Men's E: DOD's vs. Ranch Sloggers, MS, 8:15 p.m.
Women's B: C's vs. WJUR, MN, 8:15 p.m.
Women's C: Cass' Pub vs. Hodge Penny, Rotary, 8:17 p.m.
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine vs. Jilly's, JFC, 8:15 p.m.

Today

84 THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Michael Kelley performs noon concert in Depot Park.

Concert

Rutland, The Marble City Swing Band performs in the "seven-to-sunset" concert in Main Street Park, 7 p.m.

Concert

Rutland, The Marble City Swing Band performs in the "seven-to-sunset" concert in Main St. Park, 7 p.m.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Art in the Park

Rutland, Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts sponsors more than 115 juried fine artists, craftspeople and specialty food producers; music by Yarina, Main Street Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Rick Redington performs noon concert in Depot Park.

Wednesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Farrell's vs. Johnson Energy/Sabby's, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Lindholm's vs. Price Orthodontics, MS, 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: Two Sheas 11vs. CJs No. 1, 23MF, 6:15 p.m.
Men's E: DDD's 12 vs. Ranch Suggers, 10 MS, 6:15 p.m.
Women's B: CJs 9vs. WJWR, 16 MN, 6:15 p.m.
Women's C: Cassi Pubs 12 vs. Hodge Penny, 18:17 p.m.
Women's D: Flynn, Smith & Carbine 18, vs. Jilly's 3, JFC, 6:15 p.m.

Thursday's Events

Rutland City Adult Softball
Men's B: Keith's vs. Paint Boys 11
Men's C: Center St. Saloon vs. Mr. C's/Midas, MS 8:40 p.m.
Men's D: CVPS Rec Club vs. Kick's Tavern, MF
Men's E: VAC vs. American Legion, MS 6:15
Women's B: Two Sheas vs. Bud Light, MN
Women's C: Cripple Creek vs. CJs, NE
Women's D: Carman vs. Uncle Sam's, Rotary

Thursday's Results

Rutland City Adult Softball
Men's B: Keith's vs. Paint Boys 11
Men's C: Center St. Saloon vs. Mr. C's/Midas, MS 8:40 p.m.
Men's D: CVPS Rec Club 16, Kick's Tavern 15
Men's E: VAC 11, American Legion 10
Women's B: Bud Light 6, Two Sheas 3
Women's C: CJs 21, Cripple Creek 5
Women's D: Uncle Sam's 14, Carman 8
Wednesday Late Games
Men's B: Farrell's Bud Light 14, Johnson's Energy/Sabby's 13

Discount Fun Park Tickets Available

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department in cooperation with the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association is once again offering discount tickets to Vermont Days at the Great Escape. This year we are fortunate to have the entire season available.

The tickets are \$18.50 and are available now at the Rutland Recreation Department, 39 East Center St., Rutland, 05701. Due to a change in policy, the preferred method of payment is personal checks made out to VRPA. A limited supply is available.

Vt. Jazz Ensemble Will Play Aug. 13

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's concert Wednesday, Aug. 13, in Main Street Park will feature The Vermont Jazz Ensemble from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Vermont Jazz Ensemble, a 17-member instrumental music group, offers a selection of Latin, fusion and other styles designed to get your fingers snapping and toes tapping.

This year the Rutland Area Community Services, located at 7 Court Square, will make their restroom facilities available during this time. They will also organize activities for children for a half-hour prior to the start of the concert and during intermission.

In the event of rain, the concert will take place at Grace Congregational Church. Listen to local radio for concert updates or call 775-2030 the day of the event.

The concerts are free and open to the public.

Folk Music Heard In the Alley Aug. 14

Two of the nation's rising folk music stars will perform in the third and final Folk Alley Thursdays concert on Aug. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Downtown Rutland's Center Street Alley.

In case of rain, the show will go on at the First Baptist Church at 81 Center St.

Lui Collins, a native of Barre, possesses a vision and commitment to intelligently written, exquisitely arranged, and spiritually challenging music. Her newest album "Stone by Stone" resonates with her haunting voice and songs that explore love, friendship, spirituality, and earthly concerns.

A main-stage performer at music festivals, clubs and venues across the U.S. and Canada, David Roth has been cited for his entertaining stage presence and powerful singing and subject matter.

His songs display a devastating combination of heartfelt wisdom and

Monday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Paint Boys vs. Johnson Energy/Sabby's, MF, 6:15 p.m.
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets vs. Lindholm Sports, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: CVPS Rec Club vs. CJS/Commercial Tls, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Men's E: American Legion vs. Ranch Suggers, JFC, 6:15 p.m.
Women's B: Bud Light vs. WJWR, Rotary, 6:15 p.m.
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine vs. Hodge Penny Inn, Mx, 6:15 p.m.

Fishing

Rutland County Bass Masters
South Bay, Lake Champlain
1. Dan Beayon, and Fred Mead, Castleton, 13.94 lbs.
2. George Maguire, Bridgewater, 13.77
3. Jim Lynch, Bantosen and Bruce Holt, Fair Haven, 12.42
Lunker - George Maguire, 3.97

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignone, 773-8656. Duplicate game, new players welcome.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Sabrina Brown and Fred Haas perform noon concert in Depot Park.

Concert

Rutland, The Vermont Jazz Ensemble performs in the "seven-to-sunset" concert in Main St. Park, 7 p.m.

Wednesday's Events

Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Cony's, MF
Men's C: Reds vs. Renegades, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: Two Sheas vs. Cripple Creek, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Men's E: Pizza Palace vs. Caris Reds, JFC
Women's B: Jilly's vs. BRP/Thunder, Rotary
Women's C: Mintzer Brothers vs. Cony's, MN

Monday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Johnson Energy/Sabby's 17, Paint Boys 13
Men's B: KC's 7, Farrell's 0
Men's C: GE Yellow Jackets vs. Lindholm Sports
Men's D: CVPS Rec Club 21, CJS/Commercial 9
Men's E: American Legion 11, Ranch Suggers 8
Women's B: Bud Light 11, WJWR 2
Women's C: Hodge Penny Inn 22, Ryan, Smith & Carbine 9

Tuesday's Events

Men's B: Farrell's Bud Lite vs. Keith Jilly's, MF, 6:15 p.m.
Men's C: Naders vs. 30's MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: Phillips & Sons vs. Tyler's Team, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Men's E: ODD's vs. VAC, JFC, 6:15 p.m.
Women's B: CJs vs. Two Sheas, Rotary, 6:15 p.m.
Women's C: Cripple Creek vs. Jilly's, MN, 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday's Results

Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: Keith's Jilly's 23, Farrell's Bud Lite 16
Men's C: 30's 11, Naders 8
Men's D: Phillips & Sons 9, Tyler's Team 8
Men's E: VAC 16, ODD's 3
Women's B: Two Sheas 20, CJs 12
Women's C: Cripple Creek 5, Jilly's 3

Folk Alley Concert

Rutland, Artist Lui Collins and David Roth perform folk concert in Center Street Alley, 7-9 p.m., free admission, rain location - First Baptist Church, 81 Center St., for information call 773-9380.

Wednesday's Results

Adult Softball
All games postponed

Thursday's Games

Adult Softball
Men's B - KC's Tavern vs. Affordable Cleaners/Center Street, MF
Men's C - Center St. Saloon vs. Price Orthodontics, MS 7:40
Men's D - Reds vs. Renegades, MS 6:50
Men's E - Phillips vs. Kick's Tavern, MS 6:15
Men's D - Phillips vs. CJs 1, Gio
Men's E - Steward Sales/Timber's Edge vs. Buccaneers, JFC
Women's B - Road Runners vs. Wayne's Auto Body, Rotary
Women's C - Carman vs. CJs, MN

Today

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Sabrina Brown and Fred Haas perform noon concert in Depot Park.

Concert

Rutland, The Vermont Jazz Ensemble performs in the "seven-to-sunset" concert in Main Street Park, 7 p.m.

Preschool Programs Still Have Openings

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department has openings in the Rotary Preschool programs for 3- and 4-year-olds.

The 3-year-old class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The 4-year-old class meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The preschool program is full of activities including songs, stories, arts and crafts, and socialization to help preschoolers have fun while they learn. Instructors are Jane Brown, a certified teacher, and Joan McIntosh, a registered nurse.

If you are interested in either of these classes, call the Recreation Center at 773-1822 or stop in to register at 39 East Center St. Space is limited.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

8-13 Snow Business

Food, People and Ski Dollars
On Winter in August's Menu

By BRUCE EDWARDS
Herald Staff

It's without a doubt Rutland's annual schmoozing event of the year.

Start with some picture perfect weather, add a generous sampling of free food, throw in a few hundred people (with a sprinkling of movers and shakers), a pinch of music and lots of conversation and you have the ingredients for Tuesday's successful Winter in August party.

Sponsored by the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, the event was started 16 years ago as a way for the region to recognize the contributions of the ski industry to the local economy.

Ski industry talk — and in particular Les Otten and his American Skiing Co. — were topics of conversation Tuesday evening as people like Lt. Gov. Douglas Racine hobnobbed in the Center Street Alley munching on chicken wings, London broil, and an assortment of ethnic delicacies.

In a little over a year, Otten has made an indeli-

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Staff Photo by Chris Wideawake

Kim Hugerth (left) and Jacqueline Carrigan, both of the Avanti Hair Salon, enjoy refreshments at the annual Winter in August event in the Center Street Alley.

Warm Winter 8-13



Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

Employees of the Cascade Lodge serve up pork roast tenderloin and sweet potatoes to the crowd that gathered Tuesday in Center Street Alley for the annual Winter in August event. (See story, photo, Page 13.)

Today

THINGS TO DO

Noon Concert

Rutland, Tom Boise performs noon concert in Depot Park. 8-15

Jazz Concert

Rutland, The Vermont Jazz Ensemble performs concert in Main St. Park, 7-9 p.m., rain location, Grace Congregational Church, free and open to public.

Park Carnival

Rutland, Clowns, face painting, games, food, great prizes, children raffle, The Hamburger, balloon launch at 1 p.m.; Madison Street Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 8-16

Farmer's Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more; Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., beginning Aug. 2, come shop with a chef at 10 a.m.

Friday's Results

Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: Dart Mart 6, Carey's 4
Men's C: Mr. C's/Midas 11, Jilly's 10
Men's D: Magoo's 9, CJ's No. 1 8
Men E: Pizza Delight 11 vs. Carls Reels 4
Women's B: Jilly's vs. BPP/Thunder, MS, 8-40
Women's C: Tapas 8, Cass' Pub 2
Women's C: Uncle Sam's vs. Magoo's/Stoptite
Women's C: Cotrup's 17, Mintzer Brothers 4

Region Baseball Northeast Regional

Bristol, Conn. 16, Rutland, Vt. 1
Brewster, Maine 5, New Bedford, Mass. 3
Pawtucket 5, Jittas of Manchester, N.H. 2

Thursday's Results

Adult Softball
Men's B — KC's Tavern 7, Affordable Cleaners/Center Street 0
Men's D — Feds 13, Kick's Tavern 12
Men's D — Phillips vs. CJ's 1, Gio
Men's E — Buccaneers 11, Seward Sales/Timber's Edge 10
Women's B — Road Runners 14, Wayne's Auto Body 13
Women's C — CJ's 13, Carnut 3 8-15

Friday's Events

Rutland Rec Softball
Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Carey's, MF
Men's C: Mr. C's/Midas vs. Jilly's, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: CJ's No. 1 vs. Magoo's, MS, 8:15 p.m.
Men E: Pizza Delight vs. Carls Reels, Gio
Women's B: Jilly's vs. BPP/Thunder, MS, 8:40
Women's C: Tapas vs. Cass' Pub, MN
Women's C: Uncle Sam's vs. Magoo's/Stoptite, JFC
Women's C: Mintzer Brothers vs. Comp's, Rotary

Conservation Very Important 8-14

Congress soon will decide how much money to invest in land conservation and park development during the coming year. This decision is important to Vermont's Green Mountains and the entire northern forest region.

Two More Noon Concerts Added 8-14

Noon Tunes, the lunchtime concert series which is held on Wednesdays and Fridays in downtown Rutland's Depot Park, will present two extra concerts this summer.

On Wednesday, Aug. 20, James Mee will entertain and Woodchuck's Revenge will appear Friday, Aug. 22.

Take a break and enjoy some of Vermont's best musical talent from noon to 1 p.m. in Rutland's newly designed Depot Park. The concerts are

Sports Scan

Flag Football

The dream is a reality. The Rutland Recreation Department's Flag Football Program will have its seventh and eighth graders in helmets and shoulder pads for the first time. The fifth and sixth graders will still have their component of the program as usual.

All players should sign up for the program at the Dana Recreation Center on Sept. 11 at 5 p.m. and fitting of the helmets and pads to follow. Fifth and sixth graders can also sign up at the same time or any time beforehand.

Four varsity level coaches are involved with the program — Rutland High head coach **Mike Norman**, MSJ head coach **Brian Grady**, former Fair Haven head coach and now MSJ assistant **Brian Coombs** and Mill River coach **Nick Manieri**. They will be instructing the flag football coaches on teaching blocking techniques and pre-practice and pre-game stretching and exercising.

The evaluation of the players for the draft will be on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 1 p.m.

The program is open to players in all surrounding communities, but **EJ Bishop** of the Rutland Recreation Department stressed, "No city players will be turned away."

Steve Marro and **Rob Black** will be the Commissioners for the program.

"We've been working on this for several years but it's only been the past year that we've really been working on it in earnest," said Marro. "We've found that when the players got to be freshmen, those who were quarterbacks, running backs and receivers had been helped by the program. But linemen didn't have the fundamentals. This should make a big difference. Now, we can give the linemen a foundation."

The teams will play a five-game regular-season schedule with play-offs at the end. Most games are on Sunday, but each seventh and eighth grade team will play one week-day game under the lights of Alumni Field.

Thanks in part to Sen. Patrick Leahy, who, with New Hampshire's Sen. Bob Smith, wrote to his colleagues urging a significant investment in parks and recreation, the Senate Appropriations Committee included \$866 million in next year's budget for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This fund, which collects \$900 million each year from offshore oil and gas leases, is used to expand and improve areas for outdoor recreation and conservation.

Unfortunately, the House of Representatives included only \$166 million in its appropriations bill. Once the full Senate votes, soon after the August recess, the conference committee will have to reconcile this difference. Vermonters should urge Sen. James Jeffords and Rep. Bernie Sanders to follow Senator Leahy's lead in asking the conference committee for the full \$866 million included in the Senate version of the federal budget bill.

In Vermont the new funds could help preserve the Long Trail, which attracts 200,000 residents and visitors annually. A grant of only \$162,500 in federal funds (to be matched from other sources) could permit the purchase of seven parcels of land now for sale in the Long Trail's northern section, the parcels total 1,060 acres and include 3.5 miles of trail.

Since 1965 the Land and Water Conservation fund has helped to acquire and protect some of the finest areas in and near Green Mountain National Forest. It also has provided matching funds for several hundred Vermont recreation projects, including play-grounds, marinas, beaches, camp grounds, tennis courts, scenic overlooks, town parks, and nature centers. Locally these projects have included Rutland swimming pool, Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Pine Hill Park, Sherburne Recreation Area, Glen Lake acquisition, and the Rutland-Northwood Park ballfields.

In recent years Congress has diverted up to 80 percent of the fund for other purposes, including deficit reduction. Now it is time to put the oil and gas royalties back to work for their intended purpose. We owe that to future generations.

ROBERT PERSCHER
(Wilderness Society Regional Director)
Boston

Kilimanjaro Plays In Rutland Aug. 20

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department presents Vermont's jazz group, Kilimanjaro, Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Main Street Park.

Kilimanjaro has received a high degree of critical acclaim that is usually reserved for veterans of the jazz-pop field. This band has received two awards: "Most Innovative Album of the Year" and "Best Jazz Album of the Year."

Kilimanjaro has also received international recognition through appearances at Switzerland's Montreux, Denmark's Roskilde and the Pontchartrain Jazz Festival in Detroit, as well as the Kool Jazz Festival in New York.

This year Rutland Area Community Services, located at 7 Court Square, will make their restroom facilities available during this time. They will also be organizing activities for children for a half-hour period prior to the start of the concert and during intermission.

In the event of rain, the concert

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will take place at Grace Congregational Church. Listen to local radio for concert updates or call 775-2030 the day of the event.

The concerts are free and open to the public.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will move to Grace Congregational Hall.

Recreation Softball

Playoffs
WOMEN'S B
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Game 2: Two Sheas 15, Wayne's 7
Game 4: Jillys 10, BRP/Thunder 5
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Bud Light vs. Two Sheas, MN
Game 6: Road Runners vs. Jillys, Rotary
Championship
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, Rotary

WOMEN'S C
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Hodge Penny vs. Tapas, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Game 6: Carmart vs. Cass's Pub, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 21
Game 7: Cotrupi vs. Uncle Sam's, Rotary
Game 8: Ryan, Smith & Carbine vs. CJs, MN
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 9: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 7, MN
Game 10: Carmart vs. winner game 8, MF
Championship
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 11: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 9, Rotary

MEN'S B
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Game 3: Paint Boys 12, Farnell's Bud Light 7
Game 4: KC's 10, Affordable Cleaning/Center St. 8
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Dart Mart vs. Paint Boys, JFC
Game 6: Keith's Jillys vs. KC's, MF
Championship Game
Thursday, Aug. 21
Game 7: Dart Mart vs. KC's, JFC

MEN'S C
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Game 1: Lindholm's 10, GE 2
Game 2: Center St. 12, Renegades 8
Game 3: Mr. C's/Midas 10, Jillys 8
Thursday, Aug. 21
Game 5: Lindholm's vs. Reds, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Game 6: Center St. vs. 3D's, Gio
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 7: Mr. C's/Midas vs. winner game 5, Gio
Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 6, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Championship Game
Game 9: Winner game 7 vs. winner game 8, JFC

MEN'S D
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 1: Tyler's Team vs. Kick's, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Game 2: Feds vs. CJs/Commercial Tire 2
Thursday, Aug. 21
Game 3: Phillips & Sons vs. CUPS, MF
Game 4: Maggo's vs. Two Sheas, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. CJs No. 1, JFC
Game 6: Feds vs. Cripple Creek, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 7: Winner game 3 vs. winner game 5, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 6, MF
Championship Game
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 9: Winner game 7 vs. winner game 8, JFC

MEN'S E
Thursday, Aug. 21
Game 1: VAC vs. Ranch Sloggers, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 2: American Legion vs. DODs, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 3: Buccaners vs. Seward Sales/Timber's Edge, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Game 4: Pizza Delight vs. Carrie Reels, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 3, MF
Game 6: winner game 2 vs. winner game 4, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Championship Game
Wednesday, Aug. 27
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess
Rutland, A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Monday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Playoffs
Women's B: Bud Light vs. CJs, MN, 6:15 p.m.
Women's B: WAJR vs. Road Runners, Rotary 6:15 p.m.
Women's C: Hodge Penny Inn vs. Cripple Creek, MF, 6:15 p.m.
Women's C: Minter Bros vs. Carmart, JFC, 6:15 p.m.
Women's C: Cotrupi Builders vs. Maggo's/Stopline, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine vs. Jillys, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Men's B: Carey's Subversive Diet/Mint Mart, Gio, 6:15 p.m.
Men's B: Johnson Energy/Sabbat's vs. Keith's Jillys, MS, 6:15 p.m.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

Play Table Tennis

Rutland, The Green Mountain Table Tennis Club invites all to play table tennis at the Dana Recreation Center, all ages welcome, 7:15-10 p.m., 775-1822.

2-11 Adult Softball

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is in the process of organizing its summer men's and women's softball leagues. Roster packets are available at the recreation office at 39 East Center Street.

The department asks that only one person representing a team pick up a roster packet and to sign out for the team they represent.

Rosters are to be returned on Tuesday, April 7 between 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. They will not be accepted prior to this date. They must be fully filled out with the legal names of the participants, along with all fees (entry fee, player participation fee, non-resident fee and ASA sanction fee). Further information is available by calling the recreation office at 773-1822.



Staff Photo by Christian Widenawake

Bonnie Gainer, executive director of the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter, Tuesday looks through racks of clothing donated by Sears and The Disney Store for United Way's "Day of Caring" at the Dana Recreation Center. Non-profit organizations were invited to choose new clothes and toys for families in need. Gainer selected clothing for 14 area families.

ZeroGravity Park Offers 'Free' Day

8/21
 Inline skaters, skateboarders and BMX bikers will be able to use the facilities at ZeroGravity Skate Park free of charge Sunday, Aug. 24, thanks to four area businesses.

Mintzer Brothers, Bove-Fagan, The Mountain Times and The Great Outdoors Trading Co. are sponsoring the "free day" as a community service and are inviting skaters of all ages and skill levels to come enjoy a day of recreation at New England's largest skate park.

ZeroGravity is located in the pavilion at Giorgetti Park, Preville Avenue, Rutland. The course is housed in 25,000 square feet of covered space and is a custom-designed "street course," with an assortment of ramps, jumps, rails and boxes.

ZeroGravity requires the use of safety equipment. A complete assortment of pads and helmets, as well as inline skates and BMX bikes, are available from the rental shop on site.

The skate park will open for free skating Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. and will close at 6 p.m.

Additional information is available by calling 773-1543 or 775-7976.

Farmer's Market

8/22
 Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., beginning Aug. 2, come shop with a chef at 10 a.m.

Noon Concert

8/22
 Rutland, Woodchuck's Revenge performs at noon concert in Depot Park.

Foxwood Casino Bus Trip Oct. 29

8/21
 The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Center is sponsoring a bus trip to Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard, Conn., Wednesday, Oct. 29. The fee of \$35 per person is payable at time of registration. The price includes transportation, admission to Foxwoods Casino and dinner at the Hometown Country Buffet Restaurant. The Vermont Transit bus will leave

the Godnick Center at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 10:30 p.m.

For more information please call the Godnick Center at 773-1853.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

8/28
 Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7386, or Irene Vignone, 773-8656, novice game, new players welcome.

Softball

Playoffs

WOMEN'S B
 Tuesday, Aug. 19
 Game 3: Two She's 19, Wayne's 7
 Game 4: Jilly's 10, BRP/Thunder 5
 Wednesday, Aug. 20
 Game 5: Bud Light 23, Two She's 10
 Game 6: Jilly's 11, Road Runners 10
 Championship
 Friday, Aug. 22
 Game 7: Bud Light vs. Jilly's, Rotary

WOMEN'S C

Wednesday, Aug. 20
 Game 5: Tapal's 14, Hodge Penny 5
 Game 6: Carnart vs. Cass's Pub, MS, 7:40 p.m.
 Friday, Aug. 22
 Game 7: Cotrupi vs. Uncle Sam's, Rotary
 Game 8: Ryan, Smith & Carbone vs. CJA, MN
 Monday, Aug. 25
 Game 9: Tapal's vs. winner game 7, MN
 Game 10: Carnart vs. winner game 8, MF
 Championship
 Tuesday, Aug. 26
 Game 11: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 9, Rotary

MEN'S B

Tuesday, Aug. 19
 Game 3: Paint Boys 12, Farm's Bud Light 7
 Game 4: KC's 10, Alfordable Clearing/Center St. 8

Wednesday, Aug. 20

Game 5: Dart Mart 19, Paint Boys 5
 Game 6: KC's 18, Keith's Jilly's 17
 Championship Game
 Friday, Aug. 21
 Game 6: Dart Mart vs. KC's, JFC

MEN'S C

Tuesday, Aug. 19
 Game 1: Lindholm's 10, GE 2
 Game 2: Center St. 12, Renegades 8
 Game 3: M. Cylindas 10, Jilly's 8
 Game 4: Nallers 24, Price Orthodontics 10
 Friday, Aug. 22
 Game 5: Lindholm's vs. Reds, MS, 6:15 p.m.
 Game 6: Center St. vs. 30's, Glo

Monday, Aug. 25

Game 7: M. Cylindas vs. winner game 5, Glo
 Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 6, MS, 6:15 p.m.
 Championship Game
 Tuesday, Aug. 26
 Game 9: Winner game 7 vs. winner game 8, JFC

MEN'S D

Wednesday, Aug. 20
 Game 1: Tyler's Team vs. Kick's, MS, 8:45 p.m.
 Game 2: Feds 5, CJA/Commercial Tire 2
 Friday, Aug. 22
 Game 3: Phillips & Sons vs. CJP's, MF
 Game 4: Magoo's vs. Two She's, MS, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 25

Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. CJA's No. 1, JFC
 Game 6: Feds vs. Cripple Creek, MS, 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Aug. 26
 Game 7: Winner game 3 vs. winner game 5, MS, 8:15 p.m.
 Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 6, MF
 Championship Game
 Wednesday, Aug. 27
 Game 9: Winner game 7 vs. winner game 8, JFC

MEN'S E

Friday, Aug. 22
 Game 1: VAC vs. Ranch Sluggers, MS, 8:45 p.m.
 Monday, Aug. 25
 Game 2: American Legion vs. DOD's, MS, 8:45 p.m.
 Tuesday, Aug. 26
 Game 3: Buccione's vs. Seward Sales/Timber's Edge, MS, 8:45 p.m.
 Game 4: Pizza Delight vs. Caris Fleet, MS, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 3, MF
 Game 6: Winner game 2 vs. winner game 4, MS, 6:15 p.m.
 Championship Game
 Thursday, Aug. 28
 Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

Tai Chi

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering Tai Chi classes this fall. Robert Chandler and Gene Gyorj will teach the Yang style. Students will learn the postures and practice the principles to ultimately begin "push hands," allowing students to utilize what they have learned. The class will accommodate all levels of experience.

The class will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-8 p.m. from Sept. 9 through Oct. 16.

The fee for the class is \$35 for Rutland residents and \$42 for non-residents, with a \$5 discount given for those registering by Sept. 2. Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

8/20
 Rutland, A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Nothing to Do?

TWO PLACES TO CHECK OUT

By BIANCA ROTMIL



Although some youths feel that there is nothing to do in Rutland or its surrounding area, there is.

At the Rutland Youth Services Center, director Wes Fahringer says, "A variety of things can happen here."

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department also offers many activities, usually in a class or camp form.

These two places have offered summer activities at a low cost or free of charge. They will continue to do this throughout the year.

At the center, Fahringer says youths have "gone a lot of places," including fishing at Otter Creek, picnicking and swimming at Lake St. Catherine and camping at Mount Mansfield. Youths also have enjoyed vegetarian lunch, billiard tournaments, a ballet recital, ultimate Frisbee games and dances at the center.

"We try to provide everything for free," says Fahringer, pointing to the dances as an example.

The youth center also can be a place to hang out. It has a rec room with an air hockey table, ping pong, pool, foosball and a great stereo. It occasionally hosts demonstrations, guest speakers and cooks, concerts and special events.

"The key is for teens to get involved," explained Fahringer. Many of the activities are planned by youth, such as the center's popular Vegetarian Club.

Fahringer says if somebody wants to see an activity at the youth center, he'll "find a way to make it happen." Some teenagers, for example, have organized concerts where their bands can play.

The youth center "is a safe place because the staff is always here," Fahringer says. "We are out interacting with kids."

The staff makes sure people aren't being put down and that rules are followed. Rules include no drugs, alcohol or sexual behavior.

The youth center is located on 101 Allen St. in the old Southeast School building that also houses the city's Success program for students with emotional or behavioral needs.

"Although we are proud to be their neighbors," says Fahringer, "we are not part of Success."

The youth center has many plans for the future. It will be doubling its space to hopefully make room for weight benches for working out. It also hopes to continue with concerts and indoor basketball, and add coffee houses, poetry readings and free outdoor skateboarding.

Fahringer says "everyone" is welcome — as long as you are 12 to 19 years old. Where you live doesn't matter. And if transportation is a problem, The Bus makes a stop at the youth center.

"A lot of kids actually take The Bus," says Fahringer.

The last pickup is 6:11 p.m., limiting the time some teens can stay. The youth center is hoping to find ways that people can stay later and get home safely.

The youth center is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Fridays from 2:30 to 9 p.m. It is open Saturday for special events. The youth center is working on a schedule for the fall that should be out by the beginning of school. Its phone number is 773-1902.

Also in Rutland City, the Recreation and Parks Department offers many types of courses for all ages. Youths can choose from seasonal sports, art classes, rodeos and day camps that last for days or weeks.

The department usually charges a fee for tuition and/or supplies upon registration. This cost may be less for Rutland City residents.

The times and locations vary depending on the class. There are morning, afternoon and evening courses so that almost everyone can fit an activity into their schedule. Although most of the recreation department's summer classes are over, a new schedule soon will be coming out with different opportunities and courses.

The Dana Recreation Center is located at 39 East Center St. in Rutland. The office phone number is 773-1822, and the weather and message number is 775-2030. The office hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Bianca Rotmil will be a sophomore at Rutland High School this fall.

Adult Softball

Playoffs
MEN'S D
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 1: Tyler's Team 16, Kicks 4
Game 2: Feds 5, C's/Commercial Tire 2
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 3: Phillips & Sons 22, CVPS 9
Game 4: Two Sheas 11, Magg's 8
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 5: Tyler's 16, C's/No. 1 12
Game 6: Cripple Creek 20, Feds 12
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 7: Tyler's Team 14, Phillips & Sons 10
Game 8: Cripple Creek 19, Two Sheas 6
Championship Game
Wednesday, Aug. 27
Game 9: Cripple Creek vs. Tyler's Team

MEN'S E
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 1: VAC 19, Ranch Sluggers 7
Game 2: American Legion 12, DDD's 0
Game 3: Buccaneers vs. Seward Sales/Timbers Edge, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Game 4: Pizza Delight 18, Carls Reels 9
Wednesday, Aug. 27
Game 5: VAC vs. Winner game 3, MF
Game 6: Pizza Delight 8, American Legion 1
Championship Game
Thursday, Aug. 28
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC, 6:15 p.m.

Adult Softball

Playoffs
WOMEN'S B
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Game 3: Two Sheas 19, Wayne's 7
Game 4: Jilly's 10, BRP/Thunder 5
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Bud Light 23, Two Sheas 10
Game 6: Jilly's 11, Road Runners 10
Championship
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 7: Bud Light vs. Jilly's pool
Monday, Aug. 25
Bud Lite 14, Jilly's 2

WOMEN'S C
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Tapas 14, Hogge Penny's 5
Game 6: Cass's Pub 17, Carnot 5
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 7: Cornup 14, Uncle Sam's 4
Game 8: C.J.'s 25, Ryan, Smith & Carbine 6
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 9: Tapas 16, Cornup's 8
Game 10: C.J.'s 17, Cass's Pub 5
Championship
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 11: C.J.'s 8, Tapas 3

MEN'S B
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Game 3: Part Boys 12, Fane's Bud Light 7
Game 4: KC's 10, Affordable Cleaning Center St. 8
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Dart Mart 19, Part Boys 5
Game 6: KC's 18, Keith's Killy's 17
Championship Game
Friday, Aug. 21
Game 6: Dart Mart 16, KC's 9

MEN'S C
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Game 1: Lindholm's 10, GE2
Game 2: Center St. 12, Renegades 8
Game 3: Mr. Cradimas 10, Jilly's 8
Game 4: Nailer's 24, Price Oriented 10
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 5: Reds 21, Lindholm 9
Game 6: Center St. 11, 30's 7
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 7: Reds 18, Mr. C's 9
Game 8: Nailer's 6, Center Street Saloon 5
Championship Game
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 9: Nailer's 9, Reds 7

MEN'S D
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 1: Tyler's Team 16, Kicks 4
Game 2: Feds 5, C's/Commercial Tire 2
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Wednesday, Aug. 27
Game 5: VAC vs. Winner game 3, MF
Game 6: American Legion vs. Pizza Delight, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Championship Game
Thursday, Aug. 28
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC, 6:15 p.m.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Farmers Market
Rutland, The Downtown Farmers Market features baked goods, food products, flowers and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

8/29 Flag Coaches

The Rutland Recreation Department is looking for volunteer coaches for its flag football program for grades 5-8. There will be an informational meeting Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St. No previous experience is necessary.

If you would like to coach and cannot attend the meeting, contact **Ejay Bishop** at 773-1822.

8-30 Tike Ball

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering Tike Ball for 4- and 5-year-olds. Tike Ball is a combination of kickball and baseball.

The program will take place on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sept. 17 through Oct. 15. The fee for the program is \$10 for residents and \$17 for non-residents, plus a \$5 lab fee.

Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St. A \$5 discount will be given for those registering by Sept. 10. For further information, call the recreation center at 773-1822.

Rutland Historical Society Downtown Graffiti

8/29



Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

A man accused of causing about \$1,500 in damage in a rash of spray-painting in downtown Rutland on Thursday told police he had "received instructions from Jesus Christ" to do it. Charley D. Hodgkin, 20, was released on 24-hour curfew after pleading innocent to a felony unlawful mischief charge in Rutland Family Court. Prosecutor Kevin Klamm and Public Defender Steven Zwicky said Hodgkin had agreed to seek mental health treatment Friday. Zwicky asked that Hodgkin be evaluated by a psychiatrist to determine whether Hodgkin was sane at the time of the incident and competent to stand trial. Rutland City Police Officer Thomas Fuller wrote in an affidavit that he was assigned shortly to investigate vandalism in the Center Street alley area. Cpl. Edward Larson then reported he was detaining a suspect outside the Price Chopper grocery store. The damage was done in fluorescent orange paint, including marks on a large mural, the officer wrote. Larson recovered a can of paint in the middle of the area, Fuller wrote. Hodgkin had traces of orange paint on his hands and told police, "That's the one," when they showed him the paint can, according to the affidavit. Hodgkin told an investigator that Jesus Christ had told him to spray paint the alley, according to the affidavit.

Today 28

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland. A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Martial Arts 28

The Rutland Recreation & Parks Department is offering an introductory Martial Arts class with **Becky and Mark Stockton** at the New England Martial Arts Centre.

The students will be introduced to some basic karate stances, blocks, punches and kicks. Self-defense moves will be introduced, teaching simple free and flee methods.

The program is for ages 6-13. They will meet on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Session I will start Sept. 17 and end Oct. 22. Session II will start Nov. 5 and end Dec. 10. Fees are \$27 for residents and \$34 for non-residents.

Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center on 39 East Center Street in Rutland. A \$5 discount will apply to those registering by Sept. 10 for Session I and by Oct. 19 for Session II.

Senior Citizens 28

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will meet at the Godnick Senior Center Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 1:30 p.m., for a regular meeting. The meeting will be preceded by a bag lunch at 1 p.m. Entertainment will follow.

AARP Meeting 28

The regular AARP meeting will be held at the Godnick Senior Center on Deer Street Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 1:30 p.m. The speaker will be Steve Costello, manager of media relations for Central Vermont Public Service Corp., who will give a 20-minute talk and will have a 10-minute question and answer time. There will be nomination and election with seating for a secretary at this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Adult Softball

Playoffs
MEN'S D
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 1: Tyler's Team 16, Kick's 4
Game 2: Feds 5, CJA/Commercial Tax 2
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 3: Phillips & Sons 22, CVPS 9
Game 4: Two Sheas 11, Magoo's 8
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 5: Tyler's 16, CJA's No. 1 12
Game 6: Cripple Creek 20, Feds 12
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 7: Tyler's Team 14, Phillips & Sons 10
Game 8: Cripple Creek 19, Two Sheas 6
Championship Game
Thursday, Aug. 27
Game 9: Cripple Creek 8, Tyler's Team 3

MEN'S E

Wednesday, Aug. 27
Game 5: VAC 5, Buccaneers 2, suspended, to be replayed Wednesday
Game 6: Pizza Delight 6, American Legion 1
Championship Game
Thursday, Sept. 4 at JFC
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. Pizza Delight, JFC, 5:15 p.m.

Play Chess 28

Rutland. A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Godnick Golf 28

The Godnick Adult Center's Senior Golf League is officially over so the league will not meet on Monday, Sept. 8. The next event is the banquet on Saturday, Sept. 13. Call Ted at 773-7772 for reservations.

FreshStart Classes At Godnick Center

The American Cancer Society, Vermont Division Inc., will hold FreshStart classes at the Godnick Senior Center, Deer Street, Rutland, Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The instructor will be Bill Anderson. Please call 1-800-639-1888 to make your reservation. The class is limited to 15 participants. There are no charges for the classes.

FreshStart is a straightforward, no-nonsense quit smoking program. It consists of four sessions with approximately 12-15 persons forming a quit-smoking group. FreshStart is a program that contains all the elements to help smokers stop and actually stay off cigarettes.

Rec Department 28 Offers Chess Club

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a Chess Club for chess players of all ages.

This is a chance to learn and play. If you have your own chess set, please bring it with you. Charles Edgar and Dan Graves will supervise this program which meets on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center, Room 1.

There is no fee for the program. Please pre-register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland. If you have any questions, call the center at 773-1822.

VSA Helps Resuscitate Vt. Swimming

By JULIE KASTER
Staff Writer

Jim Donoghue has helped breathe life back into a drowning sport.

Youth aquatic sports were doing the dead man's float when the Vermont Parks and Recreation Department abruptly dropped the state swim championships after more than 20 years of organizing the event.

That's when life-long swimmer Donoghue and five friends invented the Vermont Swim Association (VSA) to resuscitate the state-wide competitions. Donoghue swam for the local YMCA as a student at both Rice High School in South Burlington and St. Michael's College and has coached the sport for 30 years.

"Our association is dedicated to making swimming a larger part of the state's sports scene," Donoghue said. "We're running more clinics, training more officials and offering college scholarships to swimmers for the first time."

Just 16 teams came the first year the association hosted the summer meet in 1991. Earlier this month, 25 teams and a total of 1,000 swimmers competed for the big and small team state titles at the Middlebury College pool.

It was the first year the state meet

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Jim Donoghue, VSA co-founder

was actually held in Vermont, rather than across the border at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

Participants ranging from 8 to 18 are divided into five groups for races.

Although fewer youths swim in the upcoming winter season, numbers are growing according to Donoghue.

The Twin Oaks team that Donoghue coaches in South Burlington is expected to quadruple from 30 swimmers to between 130-150 based on calls from interested parents, he said. St. Albans is building a new indoor pool and plans to add a winter team.

A wave of former swimmers returning to coach in the program has turned the tide for the sport, Donoghue said. The athletes bring more experience and a knack for connecting with kids.

"It's great to have kids who want to swim, but you need people who know what they're doing to coach them,"

Donoghue said. "The biggest change in swimming is these swimmers who are in college or graduating from college that have the expertise and want to teach kids."

Kristie Lisai, 22, raced for the Rockingham swim team for 11 years before taking over the team three years ago as a college student.

After finishing her bachelors degree in elementary education at Springfield (Mass.) College, the Bellows Falls alum moved back to Vermont to coach swimming and teach. Now she commands 65 summer swimmers, putting them through their paces under sunny skies at the town pool in Bellows Falls.

"When I swam, a lot of the coaches were older and lately I've noticed several coaches in their 20s," Lisai said. "It's easier for young people like me to relate to the kids and they seem to have more fun, too. They have someone

they can talk to and not just yell at them." Castleton State College student Dave Stechel led Rutland to the Southern Vermont Swim League Championship and a fifth-place finish in the state meet this summer in his second year as head coach.

Rutland has a roster of 82 swimmers from 5-years old to 18-years old.

Coaching so many different age levels requires flexibility and an understanding of each child's pursuits, Stechel said. The overall aim of a team is winning the meet, but you have to break it down for each swimmer and focus on their individual goals.

"It's what the kids want to get out of it," he said. "I have 9-year-olds who are highly competitive, but others just enjoy getting in the water and improving."

Quinn Meisinger, a 13-year-old New England gold medalist in the breast stroke, said the coach's age wasn't important to him.

"Dave is a good coach and he knows a lot about swimming — age doesn't matter," Meisinger said. "We're real glad to have him."

The other two Meisinger boys,

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VSA

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Brenden, 9, and Eamonn, 7, also swim on the Rutland team. The social and health benefits of swimming are crystal clear for Kate and Kim Meisinger, who saw immediate results when their sons became part of the swim world.

"I like the experience it gives them outside their peer group and the sense of individual accomplishment while still being part of a team," said Kate Meisinger.

Unlike some other school-sanctioned sports, in swimming parents play a

larger role. From transportation, to helping in practices, to lending a hand at meets, adults are encouraged to chip in.

"Parental involvement is essential for the team and its performance," said Kate Meisinger, who became a stroke and turn judge to help out at meets.

Even a lack of indoor facilities has turned into a positive situation for swimmers in pool-poor central and southern Vermont. Swimmers in those areas compete with opponents in outdoor pools in summer; but then they join those foes, who have indoor pools,

in forming winter teams. Rivalries then develop into friendships.

Rutland joined with Middlebury recently to save money and get more pool time, Stechel said. The 12 Rutlanders on the 23-member team practice two times a week at the Castleton pool and travel to Middlebury for weekend workouts and competition.

"It's encouraging to watch," he said. "Kids race against each other in the summer and then part of the fun is they get to swim together in the winter."



Chris Wideawake/Rutland Herald

Quinn Meisinger, 13, of Rutland Town swims in the individual medley during the Southern Vermont League Championships held at Whites Pool in Rutland.

Recreation Softball

WOMEN'S B
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Game 3: Two Sheas 15, Wayne's 7
Game 4: Jilly's 10, BRP/Thunder 5
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Bud Light 23, Two Sheas 10
Game 6: Jilly's 11, Road Runners 10
Championship
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 7: Bud Light vs. Jilly's, p.p.d.

WOMEN'S C
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Tap's 14, Hoggie Penny 5
Game 6: Carmant vs. Cass's Pub, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 7: Cotrupi 14, Uncle Sam's 4
Game 8: CJs 25, Ryan, Smith & Carbine 6
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 9: Tap's vs. winner game 7, MN
Game 10: Carmant vs. winner game 8, MF
Championship
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 11: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 9, Rotary

MEN'S B
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Game 3: Paint Boys 12, Farnell's Bud Light 7
Game 4: KC's 10, Affordable Cleaning/Center St. 8
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Dart Mart 19, Paint Boys 5
Game 6: KC's 18, Keith's Willy's 17
Championship Game
Friday, Aug. 21
Game 6: Dart Mart 16, KC's 9

MEN'S C
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Game 1: Lindholm's 10, GE 2
Game 2: Center St. 12, Renegades 8
Game 3: Mr. C's/Midas 10, Jilly's 8
Game 4: Nallers 24, Price Orthodontics 10
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 5: Reds 21, Lindholm's 9
Game 6: Center St. 11, 30's 7
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 7: Mr. C's/Midas vs. winner game 5, Gio
Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 6, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Championship Game
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 9: Winner game 7 vs. winner game 8, JFC

MEN'S D
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Game 1: Tyler's Team vs. Kiki's, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Game 2: Feds 5, CJs/Commercial Tire 2
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 3: Phillips & Sons 22, CVPs 9
Game 4: Magoo's vs. Two Sheas, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. CJs No. 1, JFC
Game 6: Feds vs. Cripple Creek, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 7: Winner game 3 vs. winner game 5, MS, 8:15 p.m.
Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 6, MF
Championship Game
Wednesday, Aug. 27
Game 9: Winner game 7 vs. winner game 8, JFC

MEN'S E
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 1: VAC vs. Ranch Suggers, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 2: American Legion vs. DOD's, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 3: Buccaneers vs. Seward Sales/Timber's Edge, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Game 4: Pizza Delight vs. Carrs Reels, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 27
Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 3, MF
Game 6: Winner game 2 vs. winner game 4, MS, 8:15 p.m.
Championship Game
Thursday, Aug. 28
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

Rec. Softball

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Wednesday, Aug. 20
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Championship
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Wednesday, Aug. 20
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Championship Game
Friday, Aug. 21
Game 6: Dart Mart 16, KC's 9

MEN'S C
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Game 4: Nallers 24, Price Orthodontics 10
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 5: Reds 21, Lindholm's 9
Game 6: Center St. 11, 30's 7
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 7: Reds 18, Mr. C's 9
Game 8: Nallers 6, Center Street Saloon 5
Championship Game
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 9: Reds vs. Nallers, JFC, 6:15 p.m.

MEN'S D
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Game 1: Tyler's Team vs. Kiki's, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Game 2: Feds 5, CJs/Commercial Tire 2
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 3: Phillips & Sons 22, CVPs 9
Game 4: Magoo's vs. Two Sheas, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 5: Tyler's W's, CJs No. 1, 12
Game 6: Feds vs. Cripple Creek, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 7: Winner game 3 vs. Tyler's, MS, 8:15 p.m.
Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 6, MF
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Game 6: Winner game 2 vs. winner game 4, MS, 8:15 p.m.
Championship Game
Thursday, Aug. 28
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC, 6:15 p.m.

Rec. Softball

WOMEN'S B
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Game 3: Two Sheas 15, Wayne's 7
Game 4: Jilly's 10, BRP/Thunder 5
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Bud Light 23, Two Sheas 10
Game 6: Jilly's 11, Road Runners 10
Championship
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 7: Bud Light vs. Jilly's, p.p.d.
Jilly's vs. Bud Light, Rotary, 6:15 p.m.

WOMEN'S C
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Tap's 14, Hoggie Penny 5
Game 6: Carmant vs. Cass's Pub, MS, 7:40 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 7: Cotrupi 14, Uncle Sam's 4
Game 8: CJs 25, Ryan, Smith & Carbine 6
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 9: Tap's vs. winner game 7, MN
Game 10: Carmant vs. winner game 8, MF
Championship
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 11: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 9, Rotary, 6:15 p.m.

MEN'S B
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Game 3: Paint Boys 12, Farnell's Bud Light 7
Game 4: KC's 10, Affordable Cleaning/Center St. 8
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Dart Mart 19, Paint Boys 5
Game 6: KC's 18, Keith's Willy's 17
Championship Game
Friday, Aug. 21
Game 6: Dart Mart 16, KC's 9

MEN'S C
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Game 1: Lindholm's 10, GE 2
Game 2: Center St. 12, Renegades 8
Game 3: Mr. C's/Midas 10, Jilly's 8
Game 4: Nallers 24, Price Orthodontics 10
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 5: Reds 21, Lindholm's 9
Game 6: Center St. 11, 30's 7
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 7: Mr. C's/Midas vs. winner game 5, Gio
Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 6, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Championship Game
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 9: Winner game 7 vs. winner game 8, JFC, 6:15 p.m.

MEN'S D
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Game 1: Tyler's Team vs. Kiki's, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Game 2: Feds 5, CJs/Commercial Tire 2
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 3: Phillips & Sons 22, CVPs 9
Game 4: Magoo's vs. Two Sheas, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. CJs No. 1, JFC
Game 6: Feds vs. Cripple Creek, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 7: Winner game 3 vs. winner game 5, MS, 8:15 p.m.
Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 6, MF
Championship Game
Wednesday, Aug. 27
Game 9: Winner game 7 vs. winner game 8, JFC, 6:15 p.m.

MEN'S E
Friday, Aug. 22
Game 1: VAC vs. Ranch Suggers, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 25
Game 2: American Legion vs. DOD's, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 26
Game 3: Buccaneers vs. Seward Sales/Timber's Edge, MS, 8:45 p.m.
Game 4: Pizza Delight vs. Carrs Reels, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 27
Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 3, MF
Game 6: Winner game 2 vs. winner game 4, MS, 8:15 p.m.
Championship Game
Thursday, Aug. 28
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

Adult Softball

Playoffs
MEN'S E
Championship Game
Thursday, Sept. 4 at Meadow South, 8:15 p.m.
VAC 18, Pizza Delight 6

Supporting The Skate Park

On Sunday, Aug. 24, four area businesses underwrote a day's worth of operating expenses at Zerogravity Skate Park, as a gift to the community.

One hundred fifty in-line skaters and skateboarders took advantage of this free day provided by their neighbors at Mintzer Brothers Home Centers, Bove-Fagan Distributing, The Mountain Times, and The Great Outdoor Trading Co., to enjoy the largest skate park in New England.

We are grateful to these generous friends in the business community. With them we work to promote the Rutland community as the best place to live and do business.

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Rutland

Bubble Mania
Rutland, Casey Carle and his one-hour Bubble Mania Show features high energy entertainment, art, science, music, comedy and audience participation with giant bubbles, soap film tubes and 3-D soap bubble sculpture. Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 2-3 p.m., free admission.

Exercise, Dancing At Godnick Center

The Rutland Recreation Department's Godnick Center will sponsor the following exercise and dance programs for all adults beginning the week of Sept. 8.

"Fit for Life" — Increase your level of fitness on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. with regular exercise. The course includes simple low impact exercise, step exercise, strength work and flexibility.

"International Folk Dance" — Discover the exciting world of folk dancing on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Dances of many countries including Greece, Sicily, Turkey and Armenia. No partner needed or experience necessary.

"Line Dance" — Join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a fun cardiovascular workout with both new and old line dances. No experience necessary. No partner needed.

The fee is \$2 per class. Marilyn Sheldon instructs all three classes. For more information call 773-1853.

Bubble-Mania At Recreation Center

The Children's Performing Art Series presents Bubble-Mania, the first performance of the 1997-98 season, Saturday, Sept. 6, from 2 to 3 p.m., at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Casey Carle presents an hour of "good clean fun" with giant bubbles, soap film tubes and 3-D soap bubble sculpture. Bubble-Mania is a combination of high energy entertainment, art, science, music, comedy and audience participation for all ages.

Casey Carle has enthralled audiences in over 1,000 schools, festivals and malls. He has been on two national tours with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, as well as entertaining at the Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut. In keeping with his floating repertoire, he has

Play Chess
Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Bridge Class Held At Godnick Center

The Godnick Adult Center is offering an eight-week bridge class to be taught by Irene Vignoe. The Club Series on "Bidding" will begin Thursday, Sept. 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This is the first in the series and is for either beginners or players interested in updating their game.

The fee is \$25 for residents and \$31 for non-residents. For more information call 773-1853.

Duplicate Bridge
Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Bill Becker, 773-7396, or Irene Vignoe, 773-8656, novice game, new players welcome.

Rec Department Offers Playgroup

The Rutland Recreation and Park Department is offering a Playgroup. I your preschooler is looking for a fun place to play, we have just the place.

Children and parents socialize with peers in a facilitated play-based environment and share experiences and fun. Families can choose parenting and child development materials from the lending library and learn about community resources and services.

The Rutland Recreation Department is excited to have the Rutland County Parent/Child Center facilitating this program. Come join them at the Dana Recreation Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m., beginning Sept. 9.

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On The Diamond

By Christian Wideawake

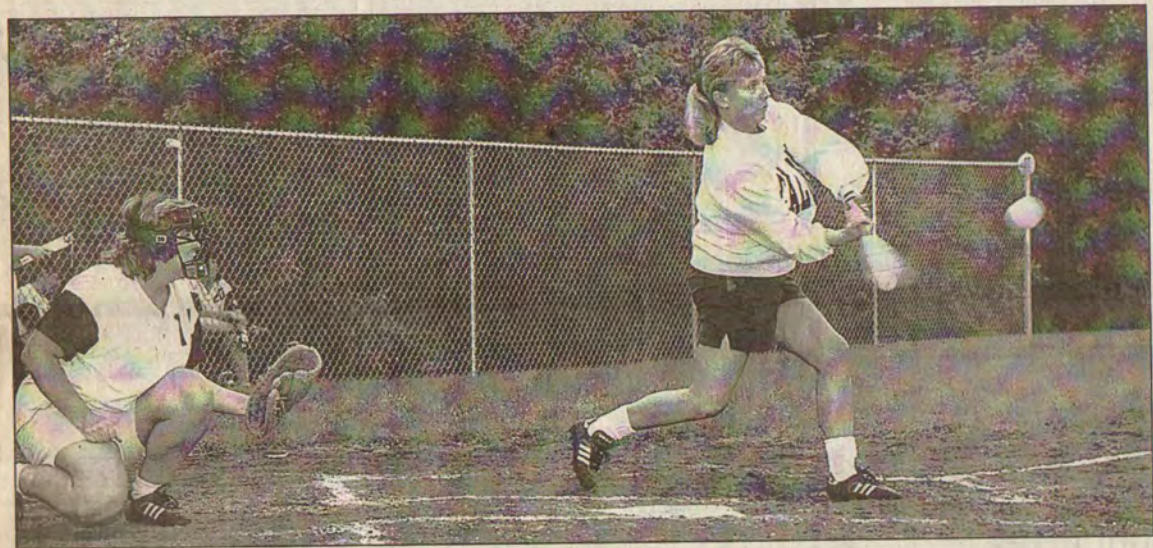
The ball may be soft but the competition can be hard when adult ballplayers take to the diamond in quest of a summer championship. Organized by the Rutland Recreation Center, adult city league softball has more than 1,000 people from throughout Rutland County making up 56 teams.

Throughout the season, men's and women's teams square off to find out which teams are the best. For many of the players the leagues provide a great



source of fun and exercise, but for others the season is more than just fun and games.

Recently, the women's Bud Light team was observed adding yet another city Women's B League championship to its large collection of trophies, beating Jilly's 14-2. After winning the state championship, the women's Bud Light team finished the summer with a 21-0 season.



Top, Kerri Valente-Fish, a member of the Jilly's Women's B League team, swings at a pitch during championship playoff action between Jilly's and Bud Light. Center, Shelley Carleton of the Bud Light team warms up before taking her turn at the plate against Jilly's. Left, Jean Radtke of the Bud Light team hits a ball into centerfield against Jilly's.



Left, a Bud Light player avoids a tag by a Jilly's player at second base. Right, Shelley Carleton exchanges a post-game handshake with her Jilly's opponents following the city championship game.



The following programs are being offered by the Rutland Recreation Department:

Table tennis — With the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club. Come to the gym at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St. beginning Sept. 10 (the opening session) to sign up. Classes will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:15-10:15. Membership is \$20, with visitors and prospective members able to attend two sessions at no charge. Contact **Chris Wetherby** at 773-3171 for further information;

Beginning bowling — At Rutland Bowlerama Sept. 15-Oct. 8 for a series of four classes. Ages 8-12 attend Mondays from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; ages 13-18 attend Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; ages 19 and up attend Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Fees are \$25 for Rutland residents and \$32 for non-residents. Those applying by Sept. 10 will receive a \$5 discount. Registration is ongoing at the recreation center (773-1822 for further information);

Flag football — For youths in grades 5-6 and 7-8, with a special registration night at the recreation center on Sept. 11 from 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Fees for grades 5-6 are \$25 for Rutland residents and \$32 for non-residents. There is a separate \$25 uniform deposit which will be returned with a uniform in good condition. Fees for grades 7-8 are \$30 and \$37, with a uniform deposit of \$50. Those applying by Sept. 11 will receive a discount of \$5. For further information, call 773-1822.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland. A chance to learn and play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., all ages, free, bring chess set if you own one.

Impressionist Is Trip Highlight

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Center is sponsoring a bus trip to Lantana's in Randolph, Mass., Friday, Nov. 7. Registration begins Monday, Sept. 29, for city residents and Tuesday, Sept. 30, for non-residents at 9 a.m.

Join Ron Hawking for a tribute to America as he shares the great names and music of America in the 20th century. Known as the "Master of Mimicry," Hawking is one of the best impressionists in the business today.

The fee of \$50 per person is payable at the time of registration. The price includes transportation, a show at Lantana's and lunch.

The Vermont Transit bus will leave the Godnick Center at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 10:30 p.m. For more information please call the Godnick Adult Center at 773-1853.

Rutland Recreation Offers Fall Classes

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering the following classes:

Aerobics: For adults on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., beginning Oct. 7 through Dec. 18.

Classes will be held at the Dana Recreation Center, Room 3. Susan Classen and Mary Lou Thompson will instruct this class for the beginner up to the more advanced. Classes consist of a 10-minute warm-up, aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and cool down. Participants will need to bring a mat or towel and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing.

Fees for this program will be \$42 for residents and \$49 for non-residents. Registration is on-going at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland. A \$5 discount will apply if you register by Sept. 30.

Totnastics: Have your little one join in the fun while developing his or her gross motor skills through physical activities such as tag, ball games, and parachute play, to name a few. The class is taught by Jim Lehman, a Rutland physical education teacher for more than 20 years.

This six-week class for 3 and 4-year-olds will meet on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. at Northwest School beginning Sept. 20.

Fees for this program are \$22 for residents and \$29 for non-residents. Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center. A \$5 discount will apply if you register by Sept. 12.

Gymnastics: This popular program will include stretching, tumbling, uneven and parallel bars, balance beam and vaulting. Your child will learn the basics of gymnastics with the emphasis on improving personal skills while having a good time.

Jim Lehman will instruct these classes. The program meets at Northwest School on Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 5-7-year-olds, and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for 8 to 12-year-olds. Session 1 begins Sept. 20 and ends Oct. 25; Session II begins Nov. 11 and ends Dec. 13.

Fees for this program are \$22 for residents and \$29 for non-residents. Registration is on-going at the Dana Recreation Center. A \$5 discount will apply if you register by Sept. 12.

If you have any questions, you can call the Recreation office at 773-1822.

Parade Participants Sought for Oct. 31

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is gearing up for the 38th Annual Halloween Parade to be held Friday, Oct. 31.

Parade organizers are always looking to add floats or marching units to the parade. They encourage civic organizations, service clubs, businesses and anyone who would like to be in the parade to contact them for an entry form.

There is no charge to be in the parade.

Hunter Course Set In Rutland

RUTLAND — There will be two Basic Hunter/Firearms Safety courses offered at the Rutland City Dana Recreation Center, 39 1/2 East Center St., Room 3, Rutland.

The first session will be held Sept. 22, 23, 29, 30, and Oct. 6, 7. The second session will be held Oct. 14, 15, 20, 21, 27, 28.

Classes will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and end at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Class size is limited to 30 students and pre-registration is required in person at the Dana Recreation Center (773-1822). While there is no minimum age requirement, the ability to read and comprehend information is crucial to successful completion of this course.

Parental consent is required for students 16 years and under and they must be accompanied by an adult to the first night of classes. Further requirements will be discussed at that time. Students are required at registration to pick up the Student Handbook and have read chapters 1 and 2 by the first night of class. Attendance of all classes is mandatory. Successful completion of this course satisfied the Vermont State Requirement that all beginning hunters pass an NRA and state-approved Hunter Safety/Firearms Course and entitles the graduate to purchase a Vermont State Hunting License.

Table Tennis Club Has Two Facilities

The Green Mountain Table Tennis Club announced its new season at both of its playing facilities.

The Rutland Club has already begun meeting nearly every Wednesday through the month of April at the Rutland Recreation Center in the former Dana School on East Center Street.

The Brandon Club will begin play Monday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. and will meet nearly every Monday through the month of March at the Neshobe School (Route 73 East).

This club has been in existence for 14 years and offers a variety of activities, including regular practice (singles and doubles), a nightly challenge board, clinics for beginner and advanced play, inter-club events with other clubs and several state tournaments.

If you are interested in the Olympic sport of table tennis as a recreational or athletic activity, we're interested in you, whether you're a beginner or have an advanced level of play.

There is no membership fee, so just bring your sneakers and paddle and have some fun playing a great game of Ping Pong.

For further information about this unique club, call club representative Ronald Lewis at 247-5913 or Chris Wetherby at 773-3171.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

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Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

Party Bridge

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Adult Basketball

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 7 for all managers and persons interested in registering a team in the 1997-98 Adult Basketball recreation league. The meeting will be held at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St. at 6:30 p.m.

For further information, call 773-1822.

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Jack O'Lantern

Jack O'Lantern will be unveiled in Center Street Alley after the Halloween Parade Oct. 31.



Entry forms will be accepted at the Recreation Department, 39 East Center St. until Oct. 31. The contest is open to children in grades K-6. Here is the first clue:

Wind whistling, autumn leaves begin to fall,

Amidst the colored maple trees, O'Lantern is lurking tall.

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Little Jack Foley looks for someone to play ball with Thursday at Monsignor Connor Park in Rutland.

Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Fall Art in the Park Set for Oct. 11-12

More than 115 juried fine artists, craftspeople and specialty food producers will be represented at the Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts 36th Annual Art in the Park Fall Foliage Festival Oct. 11 and 12 in Rutland's Main Street Park and the Rutland Armory.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is by donation, and all who donate will be eligible for prize drawings held throughout each day.

All types of handcrafts and fine art will be on exhibit and available for purchase at the festival. The visual arts are represented by a selection of oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, sculpture and photographs.

A full array of crafts will be featured: baskets, pottery, stained glass, wooden toys and furniture, birdhouses, dried floral pieces, adult and children's clothing, jewelry, children's play tents and much more.

Demonstrations of works in progress will be held throughout the weekend. Specialty food producers will tempt your tastebuds with samples of fudge, herbal dip and fruit sauces, to name a few of the treats.

There will also be food concession stands both days. Sunrise Fruits and Juices will have a Mexican menu, fruits and juices; The Palms will have hamburgers and hot dogs; Ben and Jerry's will have ice cream; and Burnham Hollow Country Store will be in the Armory selling homemade pies, cookies, fritters, doughnuts, cider and more.

In addition, this year there will be a beer tent featuring Vermont Specialty Beers, operated by Cass's Pub and sponsored by Otter Creek Brewing.

Rounding out the festival are musical performances each day featuring the Irish Music of Tim Janis and his ensemble. "Art for Kids," special art and crafts events for children, will be held under the Chaffee's main tent throughout the weekend, where they will be able to create a variety of art and crafts.

Art in the Park is Vermont's oldest continuing arts tradition, and the Chaffee's major fund-raising event, occurring twice yearly in mid-summer and autumn. All proceeds go to further the Chaffee's community art education programs.

For more information, call the Chaffee at 775-0356.

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Art in the Park
 Rutland, The Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts 36th Annual Art in the Park Foliage Festival features more than 115 juried fine artists, craftspeople and specialty food producers, Main St. Park and the Rutland Armory, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ballroom Dance
 Rutland, The Rutland Ballroom Dance Club is held at the Dana Recreation Center all purpose room, 8 p.m., informal dress, members, \$5; non-members, \$8, 773-6971.

Play Chess
 Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome. Learn to Play! Great work-out, beginners welcome, behind S.E. Elementary/Success School/Teen Center, near Rutland Regional Medical Center, Allen Street, 5:30 p.m., every Thursday and 2-4 p.m. every Sunday, same location.

Flag Football
 Rutland Recreation Department
 5th & 6th Grade Flag Football
 Results, Weekends of 197 and 1012

Nebraska 31, Michigan State 0
 Stars: Dustin Kleefisch, Kurt Ianni, Scott Jancien

Nebraska 16, Arizona 0
 Stars: Shawn Horvath, Mike Brown, Bobby DeAngelis

Ohio State 18, Michigan State 0
 Stars: Vic Shappy, Greg McLaughlin, Ricky Sharp

BYU 16, Notre Dame 12

Standings

1. Nebraska 4-0; Arizona 2-1; Notre Dame 1-2; Ohio State 1-2; BYU 1-3; Michigan State 1-3.

Jack O'Lantern
 Jack O'Lantern will be unveiled in Center Street Alley after the Halloween Parade Oct. 31. Entry forms will be accepted at the Recreation Department, 39 East Center St. until Oct. 31. The contest is open to children in grades K-6. Here is the next clue:



Watching and waiting 'til the time is right,
 To make his grand entrance on Halloween Night.

Senior Citizens
 The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will hold its next regular meeting at the Godnick Adult Center Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 1:30 p.m. Kenneth and Patricia Ward will show slides of one of their trips to Alaska.

Duplicate Bridge
 Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

In the Zone: Simonds' Job Has Many Hats

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

When Rutland City Zoning Administrator James Simonds took the job five years ago he thought he would be spending most of his time working with developers, engineers and contractors.

Instead, his work day usually is spent with landlords, tenants and bickering neighbors.

And he's shut down far more housing complexes than he's approved for new construction.

In 1996, for example, 40 apartments were closed and only two permits issued for new units, according to city records. Some of the apartments closed down last year were renovated and put back on the market. Others were torn down.



Inside City Hall

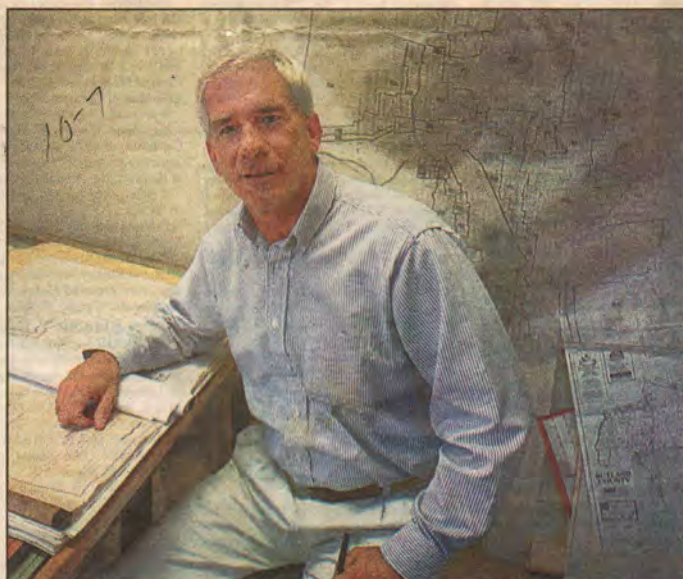
Simonds said he's following the advice of his uncle, former five-term Rutland City Mayor Jack Daley.

"(He) told me when I decided to take the job that City Hall is a different place. The best thing to do to keep focused is to go down there with a plan," Simonds said.

"My plan is to get as many of these neighborhoods cleaned up as possible. There are still houses out there that need to come down and we're continuing to pull them down."

Simonds, 44, was appointed to the position of city zoning administrator and building inspector in 1992. He replaced John J. Kollmer, who resigned in the middle of his two-year term to accept a job out of state.

A native of Rutland, Simonds holds a degree in accounting from Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. He worked as an accountant in Boston until 1977 before moving back to Rutland. In Rutland he worked for Giancola Construction until he be-



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinukas

James Simonds, city building inspector and zoning administrator, in his office.

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Simonds

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came part-owner of his own construction company.

Simonds did not walk through the doors of City Hall a stranger to city government.

He's not only the nephew of Daley, but his father served as city treasurer and his grandfather was on the city Board of Aldermen. His sister, Peg Cillo, has been the city's associate assessor for more than 20 years.

"Since the early 1900s there's been someone from the Simonds family roaming around City Hall," he said.

He shares his City Hall office, which overlooks the Rutland Shopping Plaza and Washington Street, with health officer Pam Petrie and office manager Cathy Diana.

Simonds' job is to issue variances, zoning and building permits, enforce the city's housing standards, and respond to complaints and housing disputes.

Those complaints can range from neighbors arguing over the height of grass to how many unregistered vehicles are in someone's yard.

There's also the occasional late-night call to respond to a fire to determine if a home still can be occupied.

On the first and third Wednesday of each month, Simonds' evenings are booked with meetings of the city's Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission.

"It's something new and different every day," he said. "This is kind of the catch-all office."

Simonds said he hasn't found his position to be the "hot seat" he was told to expect when he accepted the post.

"I can count on one hand the number of heated arguments I've had," he said. "The key is to be fair and

treat everybody equally."

Also, he said, people appreciate when they can get quick responses to questions.

"I think what happens a lot of times in government is people get bounced around from office to office, and that can get frustrating," he said. "People want to hear an answer, even if it's not the one they were looking for."

Mayor Jeffrey Wennberg said Simonds looks for creative ways to help property owners meet city regulations.

For example, Simonds is working with downtown businesses to help them make their facilities handicapped accessible.

Through the use of easements on city sidewalks, businesses are allowed to construct the necessary ramps without destroying the historic make-up of their buildings, the mayor said.

"Jim's approach is a very constructive one," Wennberg said. "As long as the property owner is making a good faith effort to come into compliance, Jim is more than willing to work with them."

The result, Wennberg said, is fewer confrontations and much more compliance.

"We get a lot more bang for the buck this way," he said. "He goes in assuming people want to do the right thing rather than assuming that everybody is out to be a scowllaw."

But Simonds is not afraid to wield his power — even when the city's the target, Wennberg said.

Three years ago, Simonds took a surprise tour of the former Lawrence building, then home to the city's recreation center, and closed the facility to the public.

Asked at the time what parts of the building were up to code, Simonds displayed his humor: "I think the bas-

ketball hoops are the proper height."

Since he took the job, Simonds said he's seen quite a few changes in the city. Changes in zoning procedures cut the time to obtain certain zoning and building permits from a month to less than a week.

Housing issues have also stepped to the forefront.

"Our housing standards weren't updated until after I came in," he said. "Several years ago, if you had a kitchen, a toilet and a place to put a cot you had an apartment."

That's not the case today.

Apartments must now meet strict codes that include working smoke detectors, proper electrical wiring and a required number of exits.

A certificate of occupancy for a home or apartment is supposed to be issued any time a home is sold or there is a change of tenants to ensure the codes are being met, Simonds said.

It's the new homeowners' or landlords' responsibility to inform the city of any change in occupancy, he said.

During the slower winter months, Simonds and Petrie go to homes or apartments that appear on their list of multi-family housing units that haven't been inspected for a while.

In several cases, though, it's the tenants who call with complaints about an apartment that prompts an inspection.

In some instances, if non-life threatening problems are found, Simonds will issue a "conditional CO" and give landlords or homeowners time to correct the matter.

If the situation is too severe, the home or apartment will be shut down and, in cases of extreme safety concerns, torn down.

Telling tenants they have to abandon an apartment is one of the toughest parts of the job, Simonds said.

"But I have to sleep at night, too."

at 10 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Burial will follow at St. Stanislaus Cemetery in West Rutland.

There will be no calling hours. The Mullin-Clifford Funeral Home in West Rutland is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Swanson Rites

The funeral service for Harold W. Swanson Sr., 87, of Rutland, who died Monday at Mountain View Genesis Elder Care Center, was held Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Tossing Funeral Home. The Rev. Bruce A. Bishop, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated.

He was also a member of the 40 Plus Club in Windsor.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping.

Survivors include two daughters, Michele Johnson of Claremont, N.H., and Marie Reynolds of Ascutney; a son, Maurice E. Lemere Jr. of Windsor; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Mrs. Adams Rites

WOODSTOCK — The funeral service for Valma B. Adams, 69, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Central Vermont Hospital.

Mark Stevens, Kevin Stevens, Kenneth Stevens, and George Stevens, all of Lyndhurst, N.J.; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the funeral home Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Pasquale L. Amerio

WATERBURY — Pasquale Louis "Bill" Amerio, 68, died suddenly Thursday morning at the Central Vermont Hospital.

He was born July 23, 1929, in South Pultney, son of Peter Louis and Mary (Zappone) Amerio Sr.

Mr. Amerio graduated in 1948 from Fu-



Above: Fourteen-month-old Onna Baker is fascinated by leaves falling from a maple tree in the River Street Mini-Park in Rutland on Friday.

Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Feeling A Little Fall-ish

Right: The scarecrows around West Rutland are publicizing the "What's Cooking in West Rutland Tasting Supper" on Oct. 12, benefiting the town hall restoration fund.



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinkas

Rec Programs

Session two of Tai Chi and Martial Arts are being offered by the Rutland Recreation Department.

Tai Chi will be offered from Oct. 28 through Dec. 9, with classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center. This program will teach the Yang style of Tai Chi. The registration fee of \$5 will be discounted for those registered by Oct. 21. The program is offered for adults.

The Martial Arts program is offered for youngsters, to provide them with a basic knowledge. Basic stances, punches, kicks and blocks will be taught and self-defense moves will be included.

The program will run from Nov. 5 through Dec. 12, with classes held at the New England Martial Arts Centre on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. A \$5 discount will be given for those registered by Oct. 29.

Registration for both programs is ongoing at the recreation center.

Trip Planned For Music, Light Show

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Center is sponsoring a bus trip to Springfield, Mass., for a Musical and Light Christmas Spectacular Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Registration begins Monday, Oct. 20, for city residents and Tuesday, Oct. 21, for non-residents at 9 a.m.

The fee of \$55 per person is payable at time of registration. The price includes transportation, a stop at Yankee Candle, show, lunch and Christmas Light Spectacular at Forest Parks.

The Vermont Transit bus will leave the Godnick Adult Center at 8:30 a.m. and return to the Godnick Center at approximately 10 p.m.

For more information please call the Godnick Adult Center at 773-1853.

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My favorite food is Italian, as you might guess.
From a good Italian lad you would expect no less.

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Princess and Her Court

Set 10-14



Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

Pumpkin Princess Sarah Courcelle of Mount St. Joseph Academy (crowned) is joined by her court (from left to right): Kylie Klopchin of Mill River Union High School, Nina Wilkinson of Rutland High School, Pamela Fizur of Otter Valley Union High School, Stephanie Senecal of West Rutland School and Morgan Urso of Proctor High School.

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Crowning Achievement



Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

Sarah Courcelle, 17, of Mount St. Joseph Academy, is crowned the new Pumpkin Princess on Wednesday by Leif Dahlin, superintendent of the Rutland City Recreation Department. She will lead this year's Halloween Parade on Oct. 31. The new Princess and her Court can be seen on Page 17.

Step Lightly

Walking in City Parks Can Be A Sticky Issue

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

Those playing in Rutland City parks had better watch their steps.

Dogs have been increasingly using the city's parks as a place to go to the bathroom. Park visitors, coaches and players are finding what's left behind, but often not until it's on the bottom of their shoe.

"Dog waste in city parks poses a serious health risk to park visitors and makes for a very unpleasant situation when a visitor steps in the waste," said Leif Dahlin, city recreation and parks superintendent.

"Part of the problem is that dog owners are letting their dogs relieve themselves anywhere," he said.

"Many times it is happening in the middle of an athletic field or in another prime location where someone is certain to step in it."

Giorgetti Park, White's Memorial Park, Rotary Park and John W. Cioffredi Park are experiencing the most dog problems.

Depot and Main Street Park have not generated the same number of complaints.

City recreation staff, Dahlin said, is also spending more time cleaning up what the dogs leave behind.

"We run a serious risk of losing the right to walk dogs in city parks," he said.

Craig Petrie, city animal control officer, said dog owners failing to clean up after their pets is not just a problem in

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Parks

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city parks, but on city sidewalks as well.

If the excrement gets on people's hands it can cause disease and sickness, Petrie said. "We're trying to the stop the problem before it gets worse."

Also, two people in city parks have been bitten this summer by dogs not leashed by their owners, Dahlin said. The city already has a leash law.

There's also an ordinance prohibiting waste in city parks.

"That ordinance effectively says we've got a pooper-scooper ordinance," Dahlin said. "That ordinance covers all waste."

A possible solution, Dahlin said, is to follow the lead of the city schools,

which has banned dogs from all school grounds.

There are dog owners who do clean up after their pets in the park, Dahlin said, but more people need to start. All city parks have trash barrels that are easily accessible, he said.

Both Dahlin and Petrie hope dog owners will start cleaning up after their pets and that no new ordinances will be needed.

"We ask owners to simply be considerate of other park users," Dahlin said. "Ask yourself, would you want to step in dog waste or would you like your child or yourself to be bitten by someone's dog?"

Bill Shontz

Rutland, The Children's Performing Arts Series presents singer/songwriter Bill Shontz playing clarinet, saxophone, flute, pennywhistle and wind synthesizer, Rutland Free Library, 2-3 p.m.

Jack O'Lantern

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I began my career as a DJ at WHWB.
Next to WTSN in Hanover, and then on to TV.

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In '89 Tony Adams retired and I took his place.
Since that time you've become familiar with my face.

Play Chess

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Born in Rutland, educated in our schools,
Honing my skills and learning all sports rules.

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Someday I'd be part of a real news team.

Flag Football

Rutland Recreation Department
Flag Football Results
Nebraska 14, Notre Dame 14. Stars: Kurt Ianni, Justin Candion, Jimmy Watson, Kyle Bourgeois, John Coffi
Arizona 18, Michigan State 8. Stars: Bobby Williamson, Chris Wells
Ohio State 21, BYU 2. Stars: Greg McLaughlin, Matt Allen, Andrew Kertner
Final Regular Season Standings
1. Nebraska 4-0-1; 2. Arizona 4-1; 3. Ohio State 3-2; 4. Notre Dame 1-3-1; Michigan State 1-4; BYU 1-4.
Playoffs
BYU 20, Ohio State 15. Stars: Total team effort.

Historic Park Signs Unveiled Tuesday

Four signs depicting the history of Rutland will be unveiled at a ceremony in Depot Park Tuesday, Oct. 21, at noon. Mayor Jeffrey Wennberg will be the featured speaker.

Entitled "Turning Points in Rutland's History," the signs interpret key periods of Rutland's past from early settlement through the development of the railroad and marble industries to the present period of new vitality. Written text and photographs are used to highlight these periods. The signs were a integral part of the new design of Depot Park.

In planning and designing the installation, every effort has been made to comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Following guidelines established by the Smithsonian Institution for their exhibits, attention was given to the size and style of the type face, the number of characters in each line, sentence structure and vocabulary, visual contrast, and the height and angle of the cases. A cane barrier has been located in front of the signs at the edge of the paved area and Braille signage will be posted indicating that a taped transcript of the text is available at locations in the city.

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Meet you in Center Street Alley right after the parade,
For the O'Lantern drawing to see if you made the grade.

Shontz to Perform At Rutland Library

The Children's Performing Arts Series presents Bill Shontz at the Rutland Free Library Saturday, Oct. 25, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Back by popular demand, this show is a wonderful event for the whole family with good values, great music and audience participation.

Shontz, singer/songwriter, "virtuoso reedman," plays clarinet, saxophone, flute, pennywhistle and wind synthesizer. A leader in the industry, Shontz has won national awards for his work and entertained millions of kids and grown-ups in the United States and Canada for more than 20 years.



Bill Shontz

Flag Football

Rutland Recreation Department
5th & 6th grade playoff
Michigan State 28, Notre Dame 22. Stars: Matt Trombetta, Chris Monson, Peter Colomb, Pat Collins.

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

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MARCHING ORDERS





The 38th annual Rutland Halloween Parade will include floats crafted by (top, left to right) students at Barstow Memorial School in Chittenden; Rutland High junior Matt Marro and senior Steve Remington; Rutland High senior Chloe Lee; and (at left) Rutland High junior A.J. Jeromin. The Rutland High students are part of the school's Art Club.

Preparing for Rutland City's Halloween Parade

By Kevin O'Connor
Photographs by Vyto Starinskis

Is cutting two eye holes in a sheet your idea of designing a Halloween costume for a schoolchild?

Steer clear of Marcy Galligan. Not content to simply juggle a husband, two teenagers and a part-time job, she's creating 50 costumes for West Rutland students to wear in the 38th annual Rutland Halloween Parade.

The town's 14 majorettes, for example, will twirl in a collective 52 yards of satin, 10 yards of flannel-backed vinyl and 20 pounds of pillow stuffing. The school band's 35 musicians, meanwhile, will play in poster board spray-painted by their neighbors at A&J Auto Parts.

"It has to be inexpensive, it has to be practical, it definitely has to be warm and hopefully waterproof," Galligan says. "A lot of thought goes into what they are wearing."

The only thing she can't tell you is what that is. Says Galligan: "The kids like to surprise people."

Talk to any of the dozen Rutland County schools preparing to parade through downtown Rutland Friday at 6:30 p.m. and you'll hear the same thing.

At Barstow elementary in Chittenden, art teacher Jill Dutton and music teacher Karen Gettel are bringing together the 55-student marching band with a flatbed float.

"When we brainstorm ideas for the music, we discuss possible costume and float ideas to go with it," Gettel says. "Anyone can ride the float or march along beside it. It's an all-school event."

So, what'll it be?

"If I tell you, then it's all a giveaway."

New Rutland High band director Marc Whitman will be marching in his first Halloween parade. It's not the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena. Still, he understands the significance.

"I was made aware of it almost the day I was hired," he says.

His 100 musicians are making their own costumes. As for himself?

"That has yet to be seen," Whitman says. "I've been warned, but I haven't been threatened yet. I'll be dressed. I can leave it at that."

Which is more than students in the Rutland High Art Club are saying. Not only don't they talk in advance, they won't identify themselves with a sign on the street. Instead, they'll offer performance art like the 8-foot-tall ball of videotape that swallowed up dazed television viewers one year.

Students are combining wood, plastic tubing and papier-mache into hint: it focuses on the biggest news event of the

year by featuring the letters "I.C.U.")

"This is the most ambitious piece we've ever made," Rutland High art teacher Steve Halford says. "It's a way of doing another form of sculpture we don't do in any other way. I don't know how many people are going to get it. That's the fun of it."

The annual parade shares one trait with the post office. "The parade will be held regardless of the weather," report its sponsors at the city Recreation Department. "This would change only in the event the weather was absolutely horrific and posed a life safety risk to those involved. Meaning, we would need a serious snowstorm or thunderstorm to cancel the parade."

Marchers dress for chill. Barstow musicians, for example, buy inexpensive gloves.

"We cut out the fingertips," Gettel says.

West Rutland baton twirlers don't twirl batons. "It's just too cold to hold onto a metal stick and make your fingers work," Galligan says. "We twirl other things. We've done parasols and hoops and flags on dowels and pom-poms. Different things every year. This year we're doing ribbons on sticks. We think about the weather all the time."

Take 1993, when snow, wind and cold scared away half of the marching units signed up.

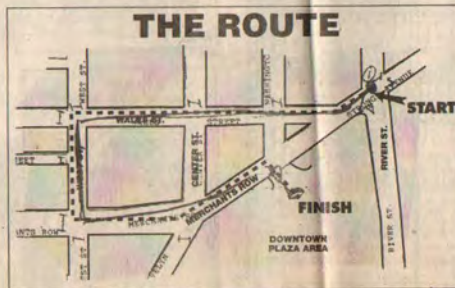
"We did a circus that year," Galligan recalls.

Or 1994, when majorettes marched in a driving rain.

"Luckily they had parasols."

Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.

"It's definitely our favorite parade of the year," Galligan says. "People in other places don't realize what a big deal this parade is — it's such a neat tradition. I think part of the fun is seeing what everyone else is doing. We think of our theme almost a year ahead. We're already thinking about next year."



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County Journal

Godnick Center's Halloween Lunch

The Godnick Center is having its annual Halloween luncheon Friday, Oct. 31, at noon.

The menu is baked stuffed chicken breast with baked stuffed potato, whole green beans with almonds, rolls, pumpkin pin with cream, coffee and punch.

We will have a costume contest. The fee of \$5 per person is payable at time of registration.

Please register by Wednesday, Oct. 29. For information call 773-1853.

Halloween Parade Stil Has Openings

Halloween is fast approaching. The 38th Annual Halloween Parade is shaping up to be an extraordinary event.

On Friday, Oct. 31, at 6:30 p.m., beginning on the corner of Madison Street and Strong's Avenue, an array of eerie creatures will begin to form for a parade through Rutland's downtown. The parade will travel from Strong's Avenue to Wales Street, left onto West Street and left onto Merchants Row, ending in the plaza. Line-up begins at 5:30 p.m. and the parade begins at 6:30 p.m.

If you wish to enter a float, marching unit, or have a group of friends you would like to have march as a unit, contact the Rutland Recreation Department office at 773-1822.

At the conclusion of the parade, everyone is invited to go to Center Street Alley for the unmasking of O'Lantern and awarding the prizes in the O'Lantern contest. The winner must be present at the O'Lantern contest drawing. Trophies also will be awarded for floats and marching divisions.

Following these activities, Moose Club 1122, 78 Center St., will host its Youth Honor Day Party with balloons, prizes and refreshments.

A Second Session On Kids' Programs

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering a second session in both their tot-nastics and gymnastics programs.

Tot-nastics is offered to children, ages 3 and 4, on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. The program enhances their gross motor skills through physical activities such as tag, ball games and parachute, to name a few.

Gymnastics is for ages 5-7 and 8-12, and includes stretching, tumbling, uneven and parallel bars, balance beam, and vaulting. Ages 5-7 attend from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., or 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and ages 8-12 attend from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Classes may be combined if necessary. Both are six-week programs and run from Saturday, Nov. 1, through Dec. 13. There is no class Nov. 29.

Resident fee is \$22 and non-resident is \$29. Registration is on-going at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland. A parent must register the participant. Jim Lehman, a Rutland physical education instructor, will oversee the program which is held at Northwest School.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075. 773-8656, novice game, new players welcome.

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So keep warm with hot chocolate or maybe a coffee.
And witness the unveiling of Mr. J.J.

Holiday Bazaar Set At Godnick Center

The Rutland Recreation Department's Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar at the Godnick Center on Deer Street will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sale items include: baked goods, crafts, Christmas ornaments, tree ornaments, ceramics, reversible cotton baseball caps, wooden items, clowns, polar fleece blankets, socks, scrunchies, children's floor pillows, photographs and note cards with Vermont scenes and much, much more. There will be more than 20 vendors.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Halloween Parade

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Party Bridge

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Flag Champs

The Nebraska Cornhuskers are the champions of the Rutland Recreation Department 5th and 6th Grade Flag Football League. The Huskers defeated Arizona 22-21 in the title game.

Team members of the Cornhuskers are Michael Brown, Justin Candon, Billy Comstock, Bobby Deangelis, Andrew Doaner, Bryant Garrow, Brent Garrow, Shawn Horvath, Curtis Lanni, Scott Jensen, Michael Jones, Matt Kimball, Dustin Kleefisch and David Waterman.

The team was coached by G.J. Garrow who was assisted by Mark Candon and Bill Comstock.

Gould and Stearns Perform in Rutland

The Children's Performing Arts Series present Gould and Stearns Saturday, Nov. 15, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Be prepared for a one-hour, non-stop medley of physical comedy featuring two madcap men with rubber bodies, elastic faces, amazing sight of word, irrelevant humor and incredible illusions. Peter Gould and Stephen Stearns shook hands and came out laughing in 1980.

Ever since they have been performing throughout the United States and in Mexico, Honduras, Canada and Great Britain.

This performance will take place at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

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Huguenot Society

Fair Haven, The Vermont State Huguenot Society holds a raffle, social and genealogy program, 4 p.m., call 265-2021 for directions, public invited.

Tomorrow

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Family Scrapbooks Group Meets Nov. 7

The Godnick Center is sponsoring a Family Scrapbook discussion group on Wednesday and Friday mornings beginning Nov. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Family Scrapbooks is a series of 12 programs offered. In the first four programs, we will view American short stories on film.

In the next four programs, we will read entertaining short articles, and in the final four programs, we will talk about New England families in good, readable books.

Scholar Abby Zito, from Middlebury, will introduce all programs.

The programs are free and open to anyone wishing to attend. Registration is on-going at the Godnick Center.

There is transportation available. For more information call 773-1853.

Play Chess

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THINGS TO DO

blink

Rutland, Children's Performing Arts Series presents "blink," juggling, dance and comedy designed to put juggling in a new light, all ages, gym at Dana Recreation Center, 2 p.m., free, 773-1860 or 773-1822.

Craft Bazaar

Rutland, Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Today

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Staff Photos by Christian Widawake

Dressed up as cookies, the West Rutland High School majorettes keep the "Cookie Monster" company Friday night during Rutland's annual Halloween Parade. Below right, a spooky John Carroll of Proctor gives his 3-year old son, Benjamin, a lift.

Spooky Doin's

38th Halloween Parade Draws 'Scary' Crowd

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

Television sportscaster J.J. Cioffi remembers dressing up in a costume and marching in the first Rutland Halloween Parade.

As part of the 38th edition of the annual event the Rutland native cruised the route Friday night in a white stretch limousine with a paper-mache pumpkin on his head waving both hands to the downtown crowd.

As the parade's Mr. Jack O'Lantern, Cioffi's identity was masked by the orange shell. When his face was unveiled following the parade, the WCAX sportscaster's smile could hardly be contained.

"It felt like I was in a ticker tape parade in New York City after the Giants won the Super Bowl," an excited Cioffi said, describing his ride.

"You can see through one eye and you got people yelling and screaming. It's just a lot of fun."

His eyesight, he said, was good enough to spot his mother, Eleanor Cioffi, cheering her son on.

A warm and dry Friday night brought large crowds onto Rutland City's downtown sidewalks. Some dressed in jackets and jeans, others showed up with a little more spirit.

Several children donned Elmo suits and M&M costumes.

Rob Bulla of Rutland stood at the corner of Wales and Center streets with a shower curtain draped over his head and a bottle of shampoo dangling from his



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Nemeth Joins City Police Commission

Rutland Region Medical Center Vice President Mary Nemeth has been appointed to the Rutland City Police Commission by the city's Board of Aldermen.

Nemeth replaces Thomas Huebner on the commission. Huebner, RRMCP president, resigned from the commission citing the increased time commitment of his job.

Aldermen voted unanimously Nov. 17 to approve Nemeth's appointment.

In other business, the board approved a request from the Eagles Club to have its liquor license transferred to its new location at the Opera House.

Also, the board was informed that Club Rio in downtown Rutland has changed its name to The Edge Nightclub.

Leif Dahlin, superintendent of the city's recreation and parks department, wrote a letter praising the efforts of city departments in assisting with the Halloween parade.

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It Was A Dark and Scary Night..

Photographs of the Rutland Halloween Parade by Christian W. Wideawake



The Mill River Union High School marching band, dressed as the Village People, perform the song "YMCA" to an audience of thousands at Rutland's annual Halloween parade on Merchants Row Friday night.



Michelle Mailhiot holds her son John Duggan in the air so he can toss candy to onlookers.



Alderman Samuel Gorruso offers a big smile and waves goodbye while marching with the WJJR contingent. Gorruso is leaving to take a job in New Hampshire.



Zachary Norford, 2, of Pittsford comes face to face with the Halloween spirit as the parade got under way at the head of Wales Street.

And Mr. Jack O'Lantern was...

J.J. Cioffi, sports anchor for WCAX-TV. After Cioffi was unmasked, a number of prizes were awarded in a drawing of those who correctly guessed his identity from clues that have appeared in the Herald.



Parade

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neck.

"The city gave me a free water hookup here for the night," joked Bulla, standing next to a hydrant.

Rutland City Police Officer Michael Nottle led the 70-unit procession that featured its usual assortment of scary and silly characters.

Skateboarders, dancers and an occasional pet also made the trek from Wales to West streets and across Merchants Row.

Floats included Shucker's Oyster Bar's "Ship of Fools," Madison Street Park Association's "Tigger and Pooh," Rutland Herald's "Disney World" Shrewsbury Mountain Elementary School's "Northern White Whale," and "Carris Reels" "Science Fiction Collage."

The uniforms of area high school marching bands were given the night off in exchange for some more creative clothing.

The Rutland High marching band dressed as "Stars Wars" characters, Otter Valley High band as "California Raisins" and West Rutland High band played the Sesame Street theme as Big Bird led the way.

Walking along a pumper truck, the city fire department's new head, Craig Shelley, took part in his first Rutland Halloween Parade.

"Next year I'll dress as the chief," he pledged.

Rutland City Aldermen Samuel Gorruso, accompanying a Cat Country van, may have been marching in his last. Carrying a sign reading, "Bye,"

Gorruso said Friday was his final day working for the Rutland radio station.

On Monday he starts a new job in New Hampshire.

For Cioffi, Friday marked his first and last night as Mr. Jack O'Lantern.

"The mask, it's passed on from pumpkin head to pumpkin head," the parade's grand marshal said. "You have it on for 45 minutes or so but it's a special 45 minutes."

Following the parade awards were announced in the Center Street alley. The Moose Lodge on Center Street also celebrated its 25th year of offering free trick-or-treating after the award ceremony was complete.

Parade award winners:

◆ Most Creative: Rutland Herald, runner-up Shrewsbury Mountain Elementary School.

◆ Most Original: Smokin' Gun Line Dancers, runner-up Marble Valley Region Transit District.

◆ Best in show: Central Vermont Public Service Corp., runner-up Applebee's Restaurant.

◆ Best costumed Marching Unit: West Rutland High School, runner-up Barstow Elementary School in Chittenden.

◆ Best costumed band: Fair Haven Union High School, runner-up Proctor High School.

◆ Honorable mention awards: Long Trail Ale six-pack and can opener and Michael Sheridan and Lisa Sheridan of West Rutland and Suzy Bennett of Brandon for Godzilla costumes.

Also, Rutland Recreation and Parks Department prizes included:

David Hamilton, West Rutland, Killington learn-to-ski package; Matt Trombley, Pittsford, personal CD player; Brad Pierce, Rutland, \$50 Chittenden Bank savings bond; Kimberly Wortman and Casey Gravelle, North Clarendon, bicycles.

Celebrity Waitathon Benefits Playground

The Third Annual "Celebrity Waitathon" will be held Monday, Jan. 12, beginning at 5 p.m. at The Sirlin Saloon, 200 South Main St., in Rutland.

The event, sponsored by The Sirlin Saloon, will benefit The Madison Avenue Playground, in memory of Justin Thomas.

This promises to be a fun evening — not to be missed — while making a generous contribution to the very worthy members of our community. All celebrity staff tips and 100 percent of the evening's restaurant profit will be donated to the cause.

Please call Kim Heck at 773-7900 for reservations and for further information. Seating is limited so reservations should be made as soon as possible.

Where Was the Fort?



A historic marker in front of the National Guard armory on West Street in Rutland City reads that it marks the site of the Fort Rutland, built during the American Revolution. But, according to resident Dawn Hanse, Fort Rutland was actually located at the north corner of North Main and Terrill streets, where the marker was originally placed by the Daughters of the American Revolution. It is unclear when the monument was moved. Hanse has written a letter to the city's Board of Aldermen asking that it be moved back to its original location. The matter has been referred to the city's Recreation Committee.

Staff Photo by Vyto Starinshas

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Party Bridge 11-17

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Ballroom Dance

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Christmas Dance

Rutland, Rutland Square Dance Club holds Christmas dance, Dana Recreation Department, 2-5 p.m.

Halloween Purrrrrr-ade



Lori Winchester of Rutland stalks Wales Street as Catwoman as the annual Halloween Parade makes its way through the streets of downtown Rutland on Friday night. (Story and photo, Page 11; additional parade photos, Page 16)

Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

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Play Chess

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Donald B. Fredette

WALLINGFORD — The memorial service for Donald B. Fredette, 53, of Wallingford and Florida, who died Saturday in Fort Lauderdale, will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Wallingford. The Rev. Joseph Quinn, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery. The Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland is in charge of arrangements.

Over-30 Hoop

The Rutland Recreation Department's men's over-30 basketball league is forming for the 1997-98 season. The teams will be chosen on a first-come, first-served basis.

League play will take place on Sunday mornings, beginning on Dec. 7. All players must be over 30, with identification required. Roster packets are available at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St. Rosters must be completed and returned by Nov. 24.

Shoveling Help Offered in City

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, the mayor's office and the state Department of Corrections are once again sponsoring Project Snow Shovel. Senior adult Rutland City residents who cannot physically shovel their own snow, nor afford to pay to have it shoveled, are eligible for snow-shoveling assistance. No fees are charged.

This year snow will be shoveled Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

You must fill out a request/waiver form as soon as possible. If you received this service last year, you will receive an application in the mail. Stop by the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street or call 773-1853 for more information.

The service will begin as soon as it is needed.

Quit Smoking With FreshStart Classes

The American Cancer Society, Vermont Division Inc., will be holding FreshStart classes at the Godnick Senior Center, Deer Street, Rutland, Nov. 18 and 25, and Dec. 2 and 9, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The instructor will be Bill Anderson. Please call 1-800-639-1888 to make your reservation.

The class is limited to 15 participants. There are no charges for the classes.

FreshStart is a straightforward, no-nonsense quit smoking program. It consists of four sessions with approximately 12 to 15 persons forming a quit-smoking group.

FreshStart is a program that contains all the elements to help smokers stop and actually stay off cigarettes. To hold the smoking cessation classes a minimum of five participants are needed, so please make your reservations early.

Discussion Group

Rutland, The Godnick Center sponsors a 12 program series of Family Scrapbook discussion groups that will view American short stories on film, read short articles and talk about New England Families; Abby Zito leads program, for information call 773-1853.

Ballroom Dance

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Tree Lighting

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TREE LIGHTING TONITE!

Santa will light the tree at Main St. Park at 6 p.m. He and his elves will then proceed to Depot Park to light the holiday tree and decorations there at 6:30 p.m.

The Community Relations Committee of Rutland Partnership would like to thank all of its generous sponsors for making this event possible:

Amtrak Garden Time Price Chopper
Advance Music, AFSCME - Local 1201, American Legion, Anonymous, Avanti Unisex Hair Salon, Bouyea-Fassett's Bakery, Coca Cola Bottling, Eastman's, Enrichment Program of Northeast School, Factory Point National Bank, Farrell Distributing, Hawley's Florist, Ladabouche Furniture, Mr. Twitter's Garden & Gift Emporium, The Party Store, Property Management & Maintenance, Quickprint of Rutland, Rutland City Department of Public Works, Rutland City Fire Department, Rutland City Recreation & Parks Department, Rutland Free Library Story Hour Program, Rutland Youth Center, Vermont National Bank, WJIR 98.1 FM.



A Program of Rutland Partnership

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Talk to Santa Claus By Phone Dec. 17

Special arrangements have been made to transfer calls from Santa to Rutland City children Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Stop by the Dana Recreation Center and fill out a "special Santa's Elf form."

The recreation office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Open Gym

The Dana Recreation Center gym will be open for adults wanting to work on their basketball skills Mondays and Wednesdays from noon-1:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-9 p.m. There is a special night for the women basketball players - Monday from 7:30-9 p.m.

Players Needed

The Rutland Recreation Department's men's "A" pick-up volleyball league, which plays on Wednesday nights until the end of February, is looking for a few players. There is a \$2 fee per night. Person interested in playing may sign up at the Dana Recreation Center.

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Afro-Latin Drums

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring a free demonstration of the Afro-Latin drum Saturday, Dec. 6, at noon at the Dana Recreation Center, in the elevator room on the second floor. Anyone ages 13 to 93 can learn the beginning language of the Latin drum. No previous instruction is necessary, just curiosity and enthusiasm. Guide is Gary Meitroff of Drum Journeys of Earth.

ORGANIZATIONS

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THINGS TO DO

Play Chess 12/14
Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

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Youngsters And Parades

As a St. Peter's school student back in the 1950s, parades were a big thing. They had a lot of them, and it was so special when somebody you knew marched by.

I remember one year Joanie Looker was Miss Vermont. We all knew her from the State Out Rate store around the corner. Wow. She was a beauty, and we knew her - she was ours. We followed that convertible around that whole parade route.

In high school my stepdaughter Lauren was into all kinds of extracurricular activities. One of those was the marching band. One of their annual events was the Halloween Parade in Rutland. Wow. The streets were filled with all these happy loving people. The parade was filled with people of all ages who wanted to be kids for just one night. And the crowd was filled with more people dressed up in these great costumes. But the stars of the show were the high school marching bands who donned these super home-made costumes and performed magnificently to tunes that related to their attire.

At the Pumpkin Parade, I become that little St. Peter's kid again. I watch it from different places. I even follow it part of the way, and I always visit with people who I haven't seen in years.

At the biggest part of my evening, my heart starts pumping like mad, and I become so proud when Dick Dodd and the fantastic FHUHS Slater Band does their thing through downtown Rutland.

Hats off to the Rutland Recreation Department for another dandy parade. Keep it up.

I like to describe the Halloween parade like this:

It's like looking down from the roof at this huge, huge pile of beautiful leaves - because it always seems to make my fall a little easier.

TWIG CANFIELD
Fair Haven

Drum Demonstration

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Rink Proposed For Depot Park

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

Rutland City officials want to make Depot Park in the winter a little more Rockerfeller Center.

Rutland City Mayor Jeffrey Wennberg is hoping to revive an idea to put in ice skating rink in the downtown park.

"It's just something that I want to do, a pet project," Wennberg said Friday. "I've brought it up in the past and some people have pooh-poohed it, but I think it would be great."

The mayor and Leif Dahlin, the city's parks and recre-

(See Page 10: Rink)



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinaka

City officials are hoping to revive an idea to place an outdoor skating rink in Depot Park.

Tree-Lighting Very Successful

I would like to thank everyone who played a role in making the tree lighting ceremony in Depot Park a phenomenal success. The very dedicated Community Relations Committee of Rutland Partnership met weekly for two months planning every detail of the evening.

Twenty-nine businesses and organizations generously contributed cash, goods and services to make every aspect of the event exceptional: Amtrak, Garden Time, Price Chopper, Advance Music, AFSCME-local 1201, American Legion, Avanti Unisex Hair Salon, Bouyea-Fassetts Bakery, Central Vermont Public Service Corp., Coca Cola Bottling, Eastman's, the Enrichment Program of Northeast School, Factory Point National Bank, Farrell Distributing, Hawley's Florist, Ladabouche Furniture, Mr. Twitter's Garden and Gift Emporium, the Party Store, Property Management and Maintenance, Quickprint of Rutland, Rutland City Department of Public Works, Rutland City Fire Department, Rutland City Recreation and Parks Department, Rutland Free Library Story Hour Program, Rutland Youth Center, Taylor Rental, Vermont National Bank, WJJR98.1Mx, and an anonymous gift. The range of interests represented by this list indicates that the ceremony was truly a community event involving many diverse segments of our population.

Special thanks go to the Rutland City Fire Department for putting the lights on the trees in Depot Park and to Central Vermont Public Service Corp., which, when the Fire Department's truck broke down, saved the day by supplying a truck and crew to finish the job. These men worked until after 6:30 p.m. the night before Thanksgiving, ensuring that there would indeed be lights on all the trees.

I truly appreciate the effort extended by all for supporting the community in such a generous helpful, and friendly manner.

ANN SINGISER
(Program Co-ordinator
Rutland)

Rink

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ation superintendent, are working on the idea to see if it can be put in place by January or February.

"The idea would be to have it for general public use," Wennberg said. "People on their lunch hour might want to stop by and get exercise and enjoy it. And in evenings it would be a very nice amenity to have. It sounds like a natural."

Dahlin, who has built outdoor rinks as recreation director in Middlebury and Amherst, Mass., agreed.

"We are looking at having a mini Rockerfeller Center operation down there," Dahlin said Friday. "Chances are probably not high it will happen this year, but I would love to think it could."

Depot Park is located in the heart of downtown Rutland City near the Rutland Shopping Plaza and across Merchants Row from the Coffee Exchange.

The park was re-done in the summer of 1996.

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Gymnastics Program Scheduled in January

Gymnastics will be offered by the Rutland Rec Department. This popular program will include stretching, tumbling, uneven and parallel bars, balance beams and vaulting.

Session 1 runs from Jan. 3 to Feb. 7 on Saturdays. Session 2 runs Feb. 14 to March 31, also on Saturdays. Section A is for 5- to 7-year-olds and is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Section B, for 8- to 12-year-olds, will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Program starts Jan. 3. Register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

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Totnastics Offered At Rec Department

Totnastics, for parents and their 3- or 4-year-old, will start Jan. 3. Children and their parents have fun while they develop their gross motor skills through physical activities such as tag, ball, games and parachute play.

Taught by Jim Lehman, a Rutland physical education teacher for more than 20 years, this program fills fast, so don't delay.

Register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St. Session 1 runs from Jan. 3 to Feb. 7. Session 2 runs from Feb. 14 to March 21. The time of the program is from 9 to 10 a.m.

Rotarians Brighten Darkened Reindeer

The Rutland City Rotary Club brightened up the holiday for a family of handmade, sculptured reindeer in downtown Rutland.

The reindeer, residing in Depot Park for the holidays, were left in the dark Thursday and Friday night when vandals made off with an electrical cord used to light them.

Rutland Partnership, the group responsible for decorating the park, considered placing the reindeer in storage for the rest of the season, fearing additional holiday damage.

However, the Partnership decided to wait.

On Saturday morning, upon hearing the news of the reindeer's plight, Rutland City Rotary President Charles Rose phoned Rutland Partnership officials to tell them his group would donate a new electrical cord. "I just couldn't let vandalism win out, especially this time of year," Rose said. "It was an easy thing to take care of... If it gets taken again that's the risk we take."

The new cord cost less than \$100.

"There was a need and we wanted to take care of it," Rose said. "That's what we're supposed to do."

Bounty of Greenery



Customers look over fresh Christmas trees that arrived at Main Street Park Friday for the Rutland Rotary Club's annual tree sale.

Staff Photo by Vyto Starinkas

Giorgetti Skating Is Over for Season

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department announced that it has closed Giorgetti Skating Rink for the season.

The continued warm weather has melted the ice to a point that is beyond recovery, the department announced Thursday.

Board Accepts Bid For Park Equipment

The Rutland City Board of Aldermen approved a bid from a New Jersey company for playground equipment at Madison Street Park.

The bid of \$22,000 from Gametime, Kompan and Miracle Inc. through Marturano Recreation Company of Bricktown, N.J., was accepted by the board Monday night.

Two other companies submitted proposals, however Gametime's best met the needs of the project, City Treasurer Ronald Graves wrote in a letter to the board.

Funds for the project will come from the Justin Thomas Memorial Trust. Roy and Michele Thomas have led fund-raising efforts for the park equipment in memory of their son, Justin, who died of meningitis in May.

Marbleize Pots At Godnick Center

There will be a craft class for marbleizing pots Tuesday, March 10, from 5 to 6:15 p.m. at the Godnick Adult Center, Deer Street in Rutland.

The fee is \$4 per pot (\$3 per pot for seniors 60 and older), and is payable upon registration.

Call 775-0133 to register or register in person at the Godnick Center.

The class is open to the public and proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels.

Theater Bus Trip Planned for June

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Center is sponsoring a bus trip to North Shore Music Theatre to see "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" on Wednesday, June 10.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, March 9, for residents and Tuesday, March 10, for non-residents. The fee of \$54 per person is payable at time of registration. The price includes transportation, lunch at North Shore Music Theatre and a ticket for the show.

The Vermont Transit bus will leave the Godnick Adult Center at 7:30 a.m. and return to the Godnick Center at approximately 8:30 p.m. For more information please call the Godnick Adult Center at 773-1853.

Pa-Rum-Pa-Pum-Pum



Gary Meitrott (left) leads a group in Afro-Latin drumming Saturday afternoon at the Dana Recreation Center in Rutland. Meitrott runs Drum Journeys of Earth and will be holding classes in Manchester and Rutland in January.

Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Military News

City Should Lease Dana School For Five More Years, Panel Urges

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

A Rutland City committee is recommending that the city continue to lease the former Dana school for \$1 a year for the next five years from the school department to house the city's Recreation Department.

The unanimous vote of the city's Recreation Committee Dec. 16 followed debate over a suggestion that the city may want to take over the building outright from the school department.

The city's current three-year lease for the use of the Dana school expires in July 1998. The city leases the facility from the school department for a token \$1 a year.

The Recreation Department moved into the building when its Lawrence facility on Center Street was closed in 1995 for failing to meet city building codes.

Alderwoman Sharon Davis, also a member of the city's recreation committee, told school leaders at a meeting Dec. 16 there has been talk from some aldermen that the city may look at ending the lease.

"There is discussion on the board

to transfer Dana school to the municipal side," Davis said.

School Board President Michael Dick questioned why the city would seek to end the lease and take over the facility.

"It is not the current desire of this board, the school board, to end this lease. We like this lease arrangement," he said. "As long as the city wants it and needs it, and is going to use it for community issues, that's great."

By continuing to lease the facility, Dick said, the school department gains flexibility if a space crunch were to occur in city schools.

"It doesn't seem responsible for any of us to give up a school building that might be used as a school," added School Board member Madeline Sherman. "Especially since the lease agreement seems to have worked."

But the city, Davis said, may want a longer commitment than a three-year lease to use the facility.

"Does a lease hold back the potential to use the center for more recreation?" Davis asked. "I'm not saying I'm opposed to a lease, I just think this

is something that needs to be on the table to be discussed."

Aldermen David Sagi, another recreation committee member, said some city officials are curious to see if there are any advantages to having the building under the control of the municipal government.

Rutland City School Superintendent David Wolk attempted to reach some agreement between the school and city leaders.

He proposed drafting a five-year lease, including a provision allowing the school department to negotiate for the use of portions of the facility in the future if space becomes a problem in Rutland City schools.

Sagi said he supported that concept. "We'll just know more in five years," he said.

The city's Recreation Committee then approved a motion authorizing Wolk, city recreation superintendent Leif Dahlin and city attorney Christopher Sullivan to draft a proposed five-year contract.

The matter will still need the approval of the city's Board of Aldermen.

Winter Recreation Programs Available

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's winter programs are listed in a brochure is now available at the Dana Recreation Center.

The brochure contains aerobics, basketball programs for grades 1 through 4, ballroom dancing, chess club, drop-in hoop for adults, skating lessons for all ages, February vacation camp, gymnastics, totastics, martial arts, pitching clinic, Santa phone calls, Tai Chi and a table tennis club.

The Chaffee Center for Visual Arts also has numerous programs listed for all ages. Special events through April are listed. Some programs are limited, so don't hesitate.

Play Table Tennis

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Learn Folk Dancing At Godnick Center

Discover the exciting world of folk dancing Sunday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street.

Dances of many countries including Greece, Sicily, Turkey and Armenia, will be taught.

No partner is needed and no experience is necessary. The fee is \$2. Marilyn Sheldon is the instructor.

For more information call 773-1853.

Bus Trip Sponsored To See 'Stars on Ice'

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Center is sponsoring a bus trip to see "Stars on Ice" at the Pepsi Arena in Albany, N.Y.

Registration begins Monday, Jan. 26, for city residents, and Tuesday, Jan. 27, for non-residents, at 9 a.m.

The fee of \$48 per person is payable at time of registration. The price includes transportation, fast food dinner stop on your own, and ticket for "Stars on Ice."

The Vermont Transit bus will leave the center at 3:30 p.m. and return at about midnight.

For more information please call the center at 773-1853.

Party Bridge

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Staff Photo by Margo Smith

Thieves late this week took the electrical cords that kept Depot Park's holiday displays alight. The reindeer's extension cord was not replaced, and officials considered putting the deer away for the rest of the season.

Thieves Pull Plug on Depot Deer

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

A family of handmade, sculptured reindeer on display in a Rutland City park were almost placed in storage for the rest of the holiday season after vandals stole the electrical cord needed to keep them alight.

The five reindeer were to be taken out of Depot Park on Friday evening, as officials had decided it would cost too much to replace the cord only to risk the same thing happening again.

"We're putting the reindeer in storage ...

They're going back to North Pole," said Richard Courcelle, executive director of the Rutland Partnership, the group responsible for decorating the park.

"It just amazes me what people will do this time of year," he said Friday afternoon. "Certainly the person who stole these cords must be very proud of themselves."

However, the Rutland Partnership changed its mind.

Partnership officials are still trying to determine whether to leave the reindeer in place without lights or get a replacement cord.

"We're going to try to figure something out," said Ann Singiser, a partnership official.

In addition to the cord needed to light up the reindeer, thieves made off with five other cords providing electricity to holiday decorations in the park, including the city Christmas tree. Those cords have been replaced.

The Rutland Partnership noticed the cords missing Friday morning and called police, whose headquarters are a block away at the corner of Merchants Row and Washington Street.

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Park

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The incident remains under investigation, said Rutland City Police Officer John Johnson.

The new heavy-duty outdoor electrical cord needed to light the reindeer was an addition to this year's holiday display in Depot Park.

The cord is needed to comply with state division of Labor and Industry standards, Courcelle said.

The value of all the missing cords is more than \$100. Officials were concerned, Courcelle said, that if the reindeer were left in the park without lights they may become targets for those looking to do further holiday damage.

"The police can't watch the park 24 hours a day," Courcelle said.

It would be difficult, he said, to steal the reindeer since they are all linked together.

The reindeer family has called the downtown park home for the holidays since moving to Rutland City three years ago from Houston, Texas.

The display in Depot Park features three smaller reindeer surrounded by two larger members of the family. The tallest one stands about 4 feet high.

All the heads of the reindeer are looking in different directions and one appears to be eating off the ground.

There have been small amounts of damage to the reindeer in the past, such as broken lights, Courcelle said, but never anything serious.

Depot Park is also home to the city's Christmas tree as well as a small house for Santa and a large wooden train set that stands about 3 feet tall.

On the weekends during the holiday season, Santa visits the park to take gift wishes from area children.

The house and train set are on loan for the holiday season from Garden Time nursery in Rutland.

"I just hope whoever stole these cords is happy," Courcelle said.

Ballroom Dancers Share Good Times

By ED BARN
Herald Correspondent

"You want to dance in those shoes?" queried one of the regulars at the Rutland Ballroom Dance Group's bi-monthly get-togethers.

And what would be right?

"LEATHER soles!" the lady said.

If you are a beginning ballroom dancer, the informal soirees that the local ballroom society holds every second Saturday at the Dana Recreation Center offer just the right mix of relaxed practice and, if desired, expert advice. They also can be a source of social life and companionship: The 60 members include both singles and couples, and no

hour before the 8 p.m. start, helping to get the DJ's table set up, the refreshments in place, and the cash box readied (\$8 for non-members, \$5 for members). He also acts as the contact person (773-6971) for people seeking information.

Learning about the world's most famous dance, the Lindy Hop, is a passion of Mr. Loretto's. He has been dancing for 38 years and has never stopped hoofing it. He said they

Stepping Out



Celebrate

Plenty to Do At First Night 1998

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

Nine, eight ... '98!

So will go the countdown Wednesday at the ninth annual First Night Rutland New Year's Eve celebration.

The alcohol-free event for people of all ages will feature indoor and outdoor activities throughout the afternoon and evening.

A 5-kilometer road run will kick off at 3 p.m., starting and finishing at Vermont Sport & Fitness Club at 40 Curtis Ave.

Two dozen performers will step out from 3 to 11:45 p.m. at scattered indoor sites.

A Chinese dragon parade through downtown at 11:30 p.m. will lead to a countdown and fireworks at Depot Park at midnight.

The event promises something for everyone.

A children's center at the Masonic Temple at 51 Washington St. will present entertainment, crafts and free ice cream from 3 to 8 p.m. Horse-drawn wagon rides will leave from the entrance and circle downtown from 4 to 6 p.m.

A teen center at the Rutland Armory at 15 West St. will offer a movie matinee at 2 p.m. and a video dance party with refreshments from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

A senior celebration at the College of St. Joseph at 71 Clement Road will offer dance music from the Goldtones from 3 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$2.

For everyone else, entertainers will perform 45-minute shows throughout

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Innovative Ice Skater



Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Heather Gregely of Waterborough, Maine, takes advantage of a frozen parking lot Saturday at Giorgetti Park. The skating rink was reduced to slush, but the parking lot remained frozen.

First

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the afternoon and evening, with schedules to be available at First Vermont Bank at 89 Merchants Row.

Musicians to perform include the Champlain Echoes women's barbershop chorus, country singer Jamie Lee, folk singers Dick McCormack and Adam Rosenberg, and blues singer Dan Stevens.

Groups include Banjo Dan and the bluegrass Midnight Plowboys, Downtown Brass, cellist Gideon Freudman, Tom Gallant and the jazz All Stars, Lakes Region Youth Orchestra, Marble City Swing Band, Sal and the Salutes, Satin & Steel, Screamin' Shilleleigh, the Wind That Shakes the Barley, Woodchuck's Revenge folk trio and Young Country.

Other entertainers include Alexander the King of Jesters, circus performer Rick Davis, magician Steve Finer, No Strings Marionette Company, and juggler and mime Jody Scalise.

People can watch the Karen

Amirault Dance Company and Mary Byrne School of Dance, or move to the D'Moja drum and dance troupe and country line dancing led by Dan Tiley. They also can try to play an instrument as part of a "petting orchestra" or watch the works of Rutland filmmaker David Giancola.

Local nonprofit groups will sell food in a heated tent at Depot Park. One Star Long Distance will offer free phone calls anywhere in the United States from 5 to 9 p.m. at Albank at 47 Merchants Row.

Also, The Bus will offer free rides between sites from 3 p.m. to 12:15 a.m.

First Night began in Boston in 1976 as part of the nation's bicentennial. Today, almost 200 communities worldwide hold such trademark alcohol-free arts celebrations. The Rutland event began in 1990.

Admission to most indoor events is by a button that costs \$8 and can be purchased at all Rutland banks.

Giorgetti Ice Rink To Open Saturday

The Giorgetti Ice Rink will open Saturday, Jan. 3, from 1 to 7 p.m.

Regular hours will be: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3 to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 3 to 5 p.m.; Friday, 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.

Admission is 50 cents for children, \$1 for adults. Some rentals will be available for \$1. The concession stand will be open.

Play Table Tennis

Rutland, The Green Mountain Table Tennis Club invites all to play table tennis at the Dana Recreation Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinakas

Larry Gorman and Shawn Poczobut stay close to the grill in Depot Park Wednesday night, cooking up burgers, hot dogs and sausage for Boy Scout Troop 116.

F-F-First Night

New Year Spirits Remain High Despite Plummeting Mercury

By CHRISTINE CUPAIUOLO
Herald Staff

Frigid temperatures may have kept New Year's Eve revelers from partying outside, but it didn't stop them from seeking out First Night Rutland events throughout the city.

"The cold keeps us moving," Judith Munger of Benson said, as she shuffled three generations of her family across Washington Street. The family was heading to the Palms banquet hall to listen to the Marble City Swing Band.

All across the city, people streamed

in and out of more than 20 venues as the temperature hovered around 3 degrees. By the time 1998 rolled around, temperatures were predicted to dip as low as 5 to 15 degrees below zero.

"I gave my button back. It's too cold," joked James Carroll, 75, who didn't even need a button to get into the First Night Senior Celebration at the College of St. Joseph.

Kate Wysolm'ski, event coordinator for the ninth annual First Night Rutland, said that because the roads were clear, attendance figures would

likely rival last year's count of around 5,000. That number was based on sales of about 3,500 buttons at \$8 apiece, plus 500 volunteers, 800 children too young to pay, and 200 or so seniors who attended the separate Senior Celebration.

First Night President Sally Ryan, who spent the night visiting almost all the events, said the final numbers for 1997 wouldn't be tallied for another week, but the cold seemed to have little effect on attendance.

Or the cooking.

Brushing concerns about the sub-

freezing temperatures aside, members of Boy Scout Troop 116 grilled burgers, hot dogs and sausage and peppers at Depot Park, sparking the aroma of a July 4 picnic.

"The colder it is, the better the bragging rights," Larry Gorman said as he put more sausages on the grill.

"It's just like the polar bear campout," Scout District Commissioner Fred Hughes said, recalling a mid-winter outing. "These boys are prepared."

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Play Table Tennis

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Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4

p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

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Senior Citizens

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will meet for its monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 2:30 p.m. at the Godnick Senior Center. A catered supper will take place after the meeting.

1-12

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

1-18

Teen Skating Is Set At Giorgetti Rink

The Rutland Youth Center will be having teen ice skating time from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Giorgetti Rink on the following Friday nights: Jan. 16, 23 and 30.

Admission is free to all teens. Some skates will be available to use.

Any adult interested in volunteering to help supervise the program should call director Wes Fahringer at 773-1902 for more information.

1-13

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

1-20

Uphill Climb



Brendan Long slips and slides while trying to get back up a hill he was sledding down at Giorgetti Park in Rutland recently. Brendan lives in Saxtons River.

Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Rec Programs

The following programs are being offered by the Rutland Recreation Department, with registration taking place at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center Street:

Winter Tai Chi: The session begins on Jan. 8 and runs through Feb. 12, with a second session to begin Feb. 24. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the recreation center. Open to adults;

Aerobics for beginners through advanced level. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the recreation center from 6-7 p.m., beginning on Jan. 6, and will consist of warm-ups, aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down period. Participants must bring a mat or towel and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing;

Skating at the Giorgetti for Adult Alpha, Adult Beta, Tots, pre-Alpha, Alpha and Beta levels. The first program begins Jan. 3;

Introduction to karate for youths aged 6-13. Session one will be held from Jan. 7-Feb. 11, and session two will be held Feb. 25-April 1. classes will be held on Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m.

For more information on any program, contact the recreation center at 773-1822.

A Regional Ambulance worker helps a woman involved in a collision on Route 4 between Rutland and Castleton, (top) one of many highway mishaps in the area Tuesday. On the positive side, the slopes at Killington and other resorts were filled with skiers like Kelly Roth of Baltimore, Md., (left) and her chicken hat. Below, Rebecca Patno rides on the shoulders of her dad, Chris, as they head back up a popular sliding hill at Giorgetti Park in Rutland.



THINGS TO DO

Play Chess 1-8

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge 1-8

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, The Rutland Ballroom Dance Club will be held at the Dana Recreation Center all purpose room, 8 p.m., informal dress, singles and couples welcome, members, \$5; non-members, \$6, 773-6971.

Duplicate Bridge 1-8

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Play Table Tennis 1-2

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Duplicate Bridge 1-2

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Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge 1-16

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

Ready... Aim...

1-16



Despite Thursday's bitter cold, 12-year-old Matt Mott practices his shot on the basketball courts at Monsignor Connor Park. Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

AEROBICS WORKOUT PROGRAM

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Dept. is offering a great workout this winter/spring. Instructors Susan Classen and Mary Lou Thompson will get you through the winter in great shape! We have a spacious yet cozy room to work out in at the Dana Rec. Center. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. Classes are on-going. Call the Recreation Dept. for fee and other information at 773-1822.

Porcino Will Share His Tales and Music

On Saturday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m., John Porcino will share his music and tales with children young and old in the Fox Room at the Rutland Free Library.

Porcino is a nationally known musician and "gatherer of tall and hand-me-down tales." He has brought humor and life to characters since 1981. Adept on the guitar, violin and cello, as well as folk instruments ranging from a Brazilian rainstick to African drums, he is gifted with a "voice of many accents."

Porcino combines his love for music with a message of caring for our fellow humans and respect for our environment.

This performance is brought to you by the Children's Performing Art Series, co-sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department and the Rutland Free Library.

Performances are free, impaired accessible and open to the public of all ages. For more information please call Kathy Naftaly at 773-1860.

Valentine's Lunch At Godnick Center

The Godnick Center is having a Valentine's Luncheon on Friday, Feb. 13, at noon.

The menu is chicken parmesan with linguini and sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, brownie a la mode with chocolate sauce, coffee and punch. The fee of \$5 per person is payable at time of registration.

Please register by Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Godnick Center on Deer Street. For further information call 773-1853.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Folk Dance

Rutland, International Folk Dancing at Godnick Center, 2 p.m., dances taught, no partner or experience necessary, \$2, for information call 773-1853.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Duplicate Bridge

Fair Haven, Carvey Restaurant, Meadowhaven Mall, certified director, singles welcome, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce at 775-4857 or Jim at 273-2075.

City Considers Shift To Urban Bike Lanes

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

A Rutland City development official may soon ask the Board of Aldermen to switch funding for a long-awaited rural bike path to a new inner-city system of on-road bike lanes.

Work on the new project could start as early as this summer with city crews putting in bike lanes and road striping on some local streets, according to Matthew Sternberg, Rutland Redevelopment Authority executive director.

However, longtime proponents of the rural bike path route are upset with the proposed switch, saying they have spent years planning their project only to learn it may soon be scrapped.

A meeting on the new proposal is slated for Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. City and state transportation officials, as well as members of the local bike path committee, will attend.

The issue of changing the city's bike path focus arose at a meeting of the city's Recreation Committee earlier this week.

"I see a real end-run where someone has gone behind us and is talking about something we were told wasn't going to be," Kevin Jones, a proponent of the rural bike route, said at the meeting. "We were told by Matthew (Sternberg) this new proposal would not be replacing or superseding what has been our priority."

First proposed by Jones, a former alderman and current aldermanic candidate, the off-street bike path would wind from the College of St. Joseph to State Street. One segment of the route would then continue to Monsignor Connor Park, another to Giorgetti Park.

The federal government in 1993 granted \$750,000 toward the first phase of the project, 1.4 miles. The complete project calls for a 10-mile loop on the outskirts of the city along several waterways.

But the project has run into several delays, including difficulties gaining rights-of-way and squabbles over the project's management.

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Staff Photo by Vyto Starinakas
One segment of Rutland City's newly proposed urban bike/pedestrian path would run down Jackson Avenue.

Bike

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Late last year, Sternberg, on behalf of the city, submitted a state grant application seeking \$75,000 to study on-street bike paths and putting in several demonstration bike lanes on existing city roads.

When that grant application was submitted, Jones and other members of the city's bike path committee said they were assured by Sternberg the two projects would not be pitted against each other for funding.

However, at a recent meeting with state transportation officials, Sternberg said he suggested the possibility of having the city withdraw its new grant request. Then the city would receive money already approved for the rural bike path project, and use it instead for the new inner-city proposal, under Sternberg's plan.

"I believe we have to roll with opportunities as they come along," he said. "I never in my wildest dreams would have anticipated that the state would think of swapping money from one project to another because the state

has never done that."

But, to his surprise, state transportation officials were receptive to the idea, he said.

In addition to the \$75,000 grant money the city is seeking, the state would also provide up to \$500,000 from the older grant for additional work on the new project, Sternberg said.

Like the previous grant, he said, the city would still be required to provide 10 percent in local matching funds.

Much of those matching funds, he said, may be met by expenses as the city's Department of Public Works puts in the lanes during the course of its regular road maintenance.

The off-street bike path proposal would then be dropped from the state transportation construction program.

So far, about \$50,000 has been spent on design and engineering work on the rural bike path.

"The basic premise of this is that they (the state) would wipe the slate clean," Sternberg said. "Our past obligations will go away and they would

absorb that and we wouldn't get as much for this new plan."

A map in Sternberg's office shows the city divided into four sections with bike routes running along existing city streets in each segment.

As years progress, more lanes can be added until all the bike routes become a cohesive inner-city system, he said.

Curt McCormack, a former state bicycle and pedestrian coordinator and a member of the local group working on the rural bike route, questions whether the funds from one grant project can fund such a different request.

"I doubt this would withstand scrutiny at the agency," he said. "I, for one, am going to make sure that certain people understand what is going on here."

Both Sternberg and proponents of the off-street bike route agree there are benefits and disadvantages to both proposals.

The bike lanes and striping on city roads may be able to be completed more quickly and more people may be

able to use them.

However, it will mix bicyclists and pedestrians with traffic and some worry it will eventually take parking spaces.

The rural bike path route would take bikes and pedestrians off city streets, but it carries an expensive price tag for a 1.4-mile path and may be costly to maintain.

But what upsets the rural bike route proponents the most is that it may come down to one project versus the other, especially since the projects are so distinct.

"The only relationship they have is that they're for bicycles and pedestrians, and other than that they have nothing else in common except they're in Rutland," McCormack said.

Members of the city's Recreation Committee agreed it's time for the city to decide which plan it wants to support.

"We need to make a decision and somehow move on to some kind of path," said Alderwoman Sharon Davis, a member of the committee.

Rec Programs

Programs to begin in February offered by the Rutland Recreation Department:

Martial Arts and Tai Chi for youngsters ages 6-13, taught by Mark Stockton; Tai Chi for adults, instructed by Robert Chandler and Eugene Gyori; Totnastics for ages 3-4, taught by Jim Lehman; Gymnastics for ages 5-7, taught by Jim Lehman.

Registration is ongoing at the recreation department on East Center Street. For information regarding program fees, dates and times, call 773-1822.

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Pitching Clinic

The Rutland Recreation Department is sponsoring a free pitching clinic. It will take place beginning tonight at the Rutland Armory and will be given by Wayne Charron.

The clinics will be given for ages 10-12 on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and for ages 13-18 on Thursdays from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Participants must register at the Dana Recreation Center on East Center Street prior to attending. For information, call 773-1822.

John Porcino

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Party Bridge

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Folk Dance

Rutland, Godnick Adult Center holds folk dance with dances of many countries including Greece, Sicily, Turkey and Armenia taught, no partner or experience necessary, \$2, Marilyn Sheldon instructs, 2 p.m., for information call 773-1853.

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Party Bridge

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Release of 'Gang' Member Irks Rutland City Officials

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

Rutland City officials, led by Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg, said Tuesday they were "flabbergasted" to learn that a man police claim is a drug-dealing gang member would be released into the community while awaiting trial.

In a strongly worded statement, Wennberg opposed a plan by a federal



Wennberg

magistrate to release Felix Medina, 26, under house arrest at his home at 40 Forest St. until his trial on federal drug charges.

"The notion

that this man is not a threat to flee or a threat to the community is ridiculous," Wennberg said Tuesday evening.

"The notion that such an individual, with his self-proclaimed ties to the violent street gang Los Solidos, can be effectively controlled by 'electronic monitoring' represents a blatant dis-

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regard for the safety for the well-being of the people of the city of Rutland."

Medina will remain in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service until phone equipment can be installed so he can be monitored in his home.

Medina, also known by the nickname Fildog, is an alleged member of the Hartford, Conn.-based gang Los Solidos. The gang raised concerns among police and city leaders when it surfaced in Rutland in 1995.

Medina was arrested at his home last Wednesday on drug charges.

He allegedly extorted money from other drug dealers in Depot Park, charging them \$50 rent for the "privilege" of selling drugs in the park, police say.

He also allegedly sold marijuana to undercover police officers and aided in the sale of marijuana during an out-of-state drug buy in Springfield, Mass., according to court records.

On Monday, following a detention hearing at U.S. District Court in Burlington, a federal magistrate ordered Medina placed under house arrest.

"The decision by the magistrate to return Felix Medina to this community is an outrage," Wennberg said. "I'm flabbergasted."

Medina currently has five outstanding warrants for his arrest in New York and Massachusetts, the

mayor said, and is charged with using violence and the threat of violence to promote his drug trafficking network.

Federal prosecutors have asked the courts to revoke Medina's release order.

"If there is to be any justice for Rutland, and for the young people who fall victim to those who traffic in drugs and violence, the release order must be revoked," the mayor said.

Wennberg also defended the actions of law enforcement officials during the investigation that included several sales of marijuana to undercover officers over the course of six months.

Asked if Medina should have been arrested earlier during the investigation, the mayor said the police needed time to build their case.

"He was being closely watched," he said. "It makes a lot more sense to build a much stronger case and the individual get serious time, rather than a slap on the wrist, for a single charge."

Alderwoman Sharon Davis agreed with the mayor's sentiments.

"To release someone back to the community for doing something that has many people expressing anxiety over, I think it's a bad decision," she said.

"Did it bother me before when he was walking the streets? I didn't know what he was doing," she said.

Aldermen Christopher Louras, Robert Stafford and Paul Barbagallo also said they were surprised to learn Medina would be released back to the community.

"The judicial system allows for the incarceration of criminals before their trial and I think it is appropriate that he is incarcerated before his trial," Louras said. "It seems to me there is a real good chance of flight."

Wennberg also pointed to several allegations contained in an affidavit used to secure a search warrant that led to Medina's arrest as reasons to oppose his release.

In the affidavit, police say Medina beat up other drug dealers twice over disagreements, threatened to blow up the courts, City Hall and the Department of Probation and Parole.

Also, federal prosecutors say, at least one person who lives in the home where Medina will be released has used marijuana along with him, and one person was involved in distributing marijuana.

No members of the family Medina has been staying with in Rutland for the past two years have been charged.

Federal prosecutors also say Medina had not reported to his probation officer in more than two years.

"Is this the message that Vermont wants to send?" Wennberg asked. "That we release people in Vermont with a rap sheet like this."

Rec Department Offers New Classes

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering a second session to the following programs: Totnastics, Gymnastics, Martial Arts and Tai Chi.

You can sign up for these programs now at the Dana Center. Programs start in mid-February.

February Art Camp By Chaffee Center

Instead of kids complaining that there's nothing to do during their week off from school this month, they can develop talents and stir new interests at the Chaffee Center's February Art Camp.

Instructors Jen Gaerke and Julie Lord have planned a week full of projects and activities, including a field trip to the Chaffee during its Annual Student Exhibition.

The camp meets Monday through Friday, Feb. 23-27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Campers gather at the studio in the Dana Recreation Center for busy days of arts and crafts.

Tuition and materials for February Art Camp are \$100 for non-members and \$90 for members. Snacks are provided but campers must bring their own lunches and dress for the weather.

All campers must pre-register. For more information or to register by phone (with a credit card), call the Chaffee at 775-0356. You can also register by mail or in person at Chaffee.

Our hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., closed Tuesday.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome. Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

African Drumming Introduction Course

Drum Journeys of Earth will offer a new 10-week introduction to African drumming, starting Saturday, March 21, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn the language of the African drum and full ensemble pieces including Bell, Jun Jun and Shekere patterns.

The classes will be held at the Dana Recreation Center. Call Gary at 235-2400 for cost and information.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Play Table Tennis

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ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

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Concert

Rutland, The United States Air Force Band of Liberty's Ambassadors Big Band jazz ensemble performs an exciting program from the traditions of Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Duke Ellington to the contemporary jazz-pop sounds of today. Rutland Intermediate School, 7:30 p.m., call Rutland Recreation Department for free tickets.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Softball Rosters

Rosters for Rutland Recreation Department adult softball leagues are available at the recreation office at 39 East Center St. The department asks that one person per team pick up a roster and sign out for it. Rosters must be returned on April 7 (not before) between 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Warm Stories, Songs For A Cold Day

By ED BARN
Herald Correspondent

As a full-time "storyteller-folksinger" since 1983, John Porcino knows better than to plan exactly that he will do when he comes to the Rutland Free Library's Fox Room on Saturday at 2 p.m.

It will be a family event, he said in a recent interview, but that doesn't mean he will be aiming his tales at the toddlers and hoping everyone else enjoys their enjoyment. Adults without children are equally welcome, he said.

Porcino said his approach is more like "Sesame Street" than "Barney the Dinosaur." Even at times when the kids think it's all for them, there's likely to be something in the style or rhythm or the way things are put that's just for the adults.

The stories come from traditional sources (his own child now wants him to read aloud rather than tell stories), from his own imagination, and even from audience participation. Porcino has performed word-magic at camps, schools, parks, coffeehouses, environmental centers, colleges, museums, conferences, festivals, fairs, churches and more, as well as leading workshops on story-telling and co-editing the book "Spinning Tales, Weaving Hope," so he's a past master at getting the audience involved.

"It was SO-O-O COLD!" he says in one of his best routines. "It was so cold a farmer's shadow froze to the barn wall!" But what would YOU say about how cold it was?

As if that wasn't enough, this Amherst, Mass., resident is a "multi-instrumentalist," typically bringing 10 or so things to play. That doesn't include his "hamboning," a term derived from an old song with a refrain that includes the words "Hambone, hambone," but which actually refers to using one's own body parts to create more or less musical sounds.



John Porcino

Some of the instruments that accompany his songs are well known (he is said to be adept on the guitar, violin and cello), but others are likely to prove a revelation. Even two major Internet search engines could turn up nothing concerning the Brazilian rain-stick.

Here are a few comments from people who went to past performances:

◆ A parent in Pennsylvania: "You should be a role model for the Pied Piper."

◆ A member of a Christian Education Committee in Massachusetts: "Everyone had a fabulous time, young and old alike. My daughter is still singing the songs."

◆ A children's librarian in Massachusetts: "It takes a special blend of talent, teaching ability and interpersonal skills to entertain such a broad age range in a parking lot next to a busy street."

Porcino also comes with the approval of the two local sponsors, the library and the Rutland Recreation Department. E. Jay Bishop, part of the latter organization, said they first heard of Porcino through the recommendation of Foolsproof, an act everyone had liked and whose advice on family entertainment they trusted.

The price for all this inspired lunacy? It's free — except for the kids singing those songs the rest of the week. For more information, call the library at 773-1860.

Sports Scan

3-18 Rec Tourney

The Christ the King School won the recent Rutland City Rec Department 5th Grade Basketball Tournament at the Keefe Gym and Lothrop School of Pittsford finished as runner-up. Neshobe School of Brandon took the third place trophy.

Selected to the All-Tournament Team were West Rutland's Matt Zawistowski, Castleton's Ian Kyhill, Rutland Town's Steve Shortle, the Rutland Timber Wolves' Angelo Labate, the Rutland Celtics' Rob Turner, the Rutland Bulls' Dylan Wraga, Wallingford's Corey Blodgett, Neshobe's Adam Greeno, Lothrop's Chris Faber and Christ the King's Andrew Kiernan.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Mill River 9, Rutland Post 31 3. Winning pitcher: Aaron Lawrence. Hitting: Team effort.

Adult Softball

Monday's Results

Men's A: KC's Tavern 19, Farrell's Bud Light 16
Men's B: Midas/Mr. C's vs. Jilly's, Rained Out
Men's C: Jilly's Devils vs. Cass's Pub Pounders, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's D: Two Sheas' 18, CJs/Timbers Edge 6
Women's A: Wayne's Body Shop vs. Two Sheas', Rained Out
Women's B: Smith Buick vs. Uncle Sam's Pub, p.p.d. to Friday
Women's C: Ollie's Girls 17, Courcelle's Flower Shop 12

Tuesday's Games

Men's A: Keith's II/Jilly's vs. Dart Mini Mart, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's B: Magoo's vs. 3D's, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Phillips & Son vs. Feds, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's D: American Legion vs. Pizza Delight, Gio, 6:30 p.m.
Women's A: Jilly's vs. Vipers, MF, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Renegades vs. Cotrup's Builders, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: CDP Electric vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, NE, 6:30 p.m.

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Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

The original bicycle path proposal would create off-street routes along city waterways, such as East Creek. One such path would run under the West Street bridge on the east side of the creek, according to proponent Kevin Jones.

Officials Debate Bike Paths Without Result

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

State and Rutland City officials spent more than two hours going round and round over possible bike path routes before ending the discussion with some saying all they did was keep spinning their wheels.

The meeting Wednesday night at City Hall brought together officials

from the state Agency of Transportation, city Board of Aldermen, the local bike path committee and Mayor Jeffrey Wennberg.

"This seems like the bypass issue all over again," one resident said, referring to the more than 30-year debate over rerouting traffic around Rutland City.

The meeting Wednesday night was

called to determine the city's interest in continuing with a proposed 1.2-mile, off-street bike path funded by a \$750,000 federal grant received in 1994.

The cost of the project has risen to close to \$1.2 million and some city officials question whether it will ever be built. They say it's time to look at alternative routes.

"This is becoming an exceedingly ex-

pensive and an exceedingly difficult to achieve proposal," Wennberg said.

Supporters of the bike path say it's still a viable project and cite lack of support from the city's administration in moving the project along for its delay.

"We just can't get people in the administration excited about this project,"

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THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, The Marble City Swing Band hosts a Valentine's Day dance at the Palms Restaurant, 36 Strong's Ave., \$5 cover at door, dance begins at 8 p.m.

Folk Dance

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Bike

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said Bruce Bentley, a member of the citizen's bike path committee.

The path, first proposed by Kevin Jones, a former alderman and now candidate for that position this March, is an off-street route, winding from the College of St. Joseph to State Street.

One segment of the route would then continue to Monsignor Connor Park, and another to Giorgetti Park. The federal grant for the project calls for the local community to provide 10 percent in matching funds.

The complete project, as outlined in a city's Open Space Plan, calls for a 10-mile loop on the outskirts of the city.

The difficulty in building the first segment is a bad omen for the rest of the project, Wennberg said.

The answer, he said, may be to look for an alternative, combining off-street and on-street paths, that include bike lanes on city roads.

"I would seriously encourage a rethinking of this thing, and moving in a new direction where we actually get something built and maybe for less money," Wennberg said.

"I'm quite dubious as to the do-ability of this 1-mile section, not to mention the 10-mile loop. Let's rethink this," Jones countered that the current proposed bike path is a well-thought out plan, previously approved by the Board of Aldermen, and would only cost the city 10 cents on the dollar to build.

The proposed path also would provide connections to two city parks and downtown, as well as allow for increased recreational use of waterways within the city.

Regarding what some called a prob-

lem of getting right-of-way easements for the bike route, Jones said several have already been secured and others could be worked around.

In a couple of cases, he said, property owners may be holding out for money. But those could be avoided.

The mayor quickly dismissed paying for any easements.

"If we ever get into the business of paying for easements for any property, I can assure you absolutely every property owner is going to want to be paid, and rightly so," Wennberg said.

Several city residents spoke on the issue Wednesday, some supporting the off-street bike route and others siding with the idea of on-street bike lanes.

City resident Joseph Zingale said the off-street route would provide a place to Rollerblade away from the traffic of city streets.

"I can handle myself on skates, but I put myself at risk anytime I go out and skate on a city street," Zingale said. "We need this path, we need it very badly."

Steve Follet, who bikes to work daily in Rutland, said he favored putting in bike lanes on city streets.

"The bike path regulates bikes to the status of toys," he said. "Here we are actually considering spending more than a million dollars for a path that will serve a minuscule segment of the population, cycling or otherwise."

Zingale responded that the path is not intended for experienced cyclists.

"Steve's no average cyclist, he's the creme de la creme, top of the heap," Zingale said. "This is not intended for people like Steve, it's intended for

people who have young kids who want a safe place for them to go."

Sam Lewis, a state Agency of Transportation official, said before determining whether grant money for the current bike path can fund another project the city needs to decide if it wants to drop the proposal.

"It's a lot cleaner exercise, I feel, to put to bed the original project if it needs to be put to bed," Lewis said.

Members of the city Recreation Committee, who called the meeting, said they need more information before making that decision.

Asked how long the city had to build the bike path, Lewis replied there is no specific deadline.

"I can't wait forever," he said, explaining his job is to move projects along. "But I really don't want to be here five years from now having this same discussion."

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Play Table Tennis

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Sports Scan

Hoop Tourney

The Rutland Recreation Department's Fifth and Sixth Grade Basketball Tournament will be held in Rutland's Keefe Gym over two weekends.

The tourney taps off with four games on March 6. The 12 teams involved are Christ the King, Neshobe, Shoreham, Lothrop, Castleton, Wallingford, West Rutland, Rutland Town, Clarendon and three teams from the Rutland Recreation Department.

The tournament concludes on March 13-14. The consolation game on March 14 will be at 10:30 a.m. and the championship game at noon.

The admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students. There will be concessions, raffles and 50/50 tickets during the games.

The final four teams will receive medallions and trophies.

'Peter Pan' Bus Trip Is Set for March 25

The Rutland Recreation Department's Godnick Adult Center is sponsoring a bus trip to Proctor's Theater Wednesday, March 25, to see "Peter Pan" with Cathy Rigby.

The fee of \$52 for adults and \$37 for children includes transportation and a ticket to the show. A dinner stop at Old Country Buffet is not included in the fee.

Registration begins Monday, Feb. 23, for residents and Tuesday, Feb. 24, for non-residents.

The bus leaves the Godnick Center at 2:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 11:30 p.m. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information call 773-1853.

Giorgetti Rink Open For Vacation Week

The Rutland Recreation Department's Giorgetti Ice Rink will be open the following hours during February vacation:

Monday, Feb. 23: 1 to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 24: 1 to 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 25: 1 to 8 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 26: 1 to 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 27: 1 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 28: 1 to 8 p.m.

Admission is 50 cents for children and \$1 for adults. There are limited rentals for \$1. There is also a concession stand.

Call the rink at 775-7976 for an updated report on the skating conditions.

Teller of Tales



John Porcino becomes very animated when telling his tall tales Saturday at the Rutland Free Library.

Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Rutland Historical Society Wild About Winter 23

Staff Photos by Albert J. Marro

Students and staff at Northwest School celebrate winter Friday with smiles, games, races and a cookout. Clockwise from right: Teacher Lizbeth Cartier gives Shawn LaPlante a helping hand along the monkey bars. Ryan Allaire, kneeling, tries to "Dress the Snowman" (classmate Brent Ackley) before the competition. When the sliding hill became too icy for sleds, body surfing moved to the top of the winter sports' chart. Tiffany Williams gets a good look at all the winter carnival fun from the top of the jungle gym at Giorgetti Park.



Nothing But Net

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Staff Photo by Vyto Starinaks

Duane Atwood, 15, lets fly with a long shot (and sinks it) as he plays some hoop with his friends, Matt Mott and Matt Lanouette, at the Meadow Street playground on a mild day last week.

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Back Discussion

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City Bike Path

Is Terrible Waste

If the plan to build a 1.2-mile bike path in Rutland City at a cost of \$1.2 million is realized, it will surely be a candidate for an NBC "Fleecing of America" segment.

If my math is right, the bike path will cost \$189 per foot to build. Does that seem excessive, or is it just me? And the path is just 1.2 miles in length. That means that a bike traveling at a moderate speed of 15 miles an hour will complete the path in under five minutes.

I own a home at the eastern-most boundary of Rutland City. The proposed path is in the far western section of the city. So for me to benefit from this recreational resource, I must put my bike on the car rack and drive several miles, only to ride back and forth over a course which will take me less than five minutes to complete. For \$1.2 million? Whom does this really benefit?

There's a good reason why city administration officials are not excited about this project. Proponents of this plan seem to portray the bike path as a gift, and that it will "only" cost the city \$120,000. The truth is that this project basically fleeces us taxpayers out of \$1.2 million. There must be better ways to spend our hard-earned tax dollars.

RICHARD J. COURCELLE
Rutland

Today

THINGS TO DO

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Folk Dancing

Rutland, Marilyn Sheldon instructs international folk dancing featuring dances from Greece, Sicily, Turkey and Armenia, no partner or experience necessary, Godnick Adult Center, Deer Street, 2 p.m., \$2, for information call 773-1853 or 438-2920.

Folk Dancing at Godnick Center

Discover the exciting world of folk dancing on the following Sundays, Feb. 22 and March 1, at 2 p.m. at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street.

Dances of many countries including Greece, Sicily, Turkey and Armenia will be taught.

No partner is needed or experience necessary. The fee is \$2. Marilyn Sheldon is the instructor.

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Garden in the Park Is Planned for June

The Third Annual Garden in the Park is set for June 6 and 7 with many exciting new attractions planned.

This garden exposition will be held in Main Street Park on the corner of West Street and Route 7 in Rutland.

The event is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, with a \$1 donation requested.

Garden in the Park celebrates the artistry of the garden and the importance of America's favorite pastime in our lives. It will feature exhibitor booths with garden trade vendors, antiques,

fine arts and crafts; musical entertainment; children's activities such as leaf printing, bubble painting, kit making; demonstrations; a "garden rooms" competition; and food concessions.

Currently we are accepting exhibitor applications. The deadline for applying is March 14. Please call 775-8836 for more information or to request your application.

Proceeds from Garden in the Park support the Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts located at 16 South Main Street, Rutland, 05701.

Tomorrow

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WANTED SWIM TEAM COACH

The Recreation and Parks Department, City of Rutland, Vermont is seeking applicants for the City's Summer Swim Team program.

The term of employment may begin in early May or early June and conclude early August. This is a head coach position working with two assistants and a parent group. Approximate team size is 80-90 swimmers. The successful applicant will have a good understanding of swim team coaching, competitive swimming techniques and mechanics.

Wage is commensurate with skills and experience of successful applicant.

Closing date open until filled.

For application, contact the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, 39E. Center St., Rutland, VT 05701 or call (802) 773-1822

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Ballroom Dance

Rutland, The Rutland Ballroom Dance Club holds dance, Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-11 p.m., singles and couples welcome, dress is business casual, members, \$5; non-members, \$8 per person, 773-6971.

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Craft Class

Rutland, Marbleizing pots at Godnick Adult Center, Deer Street, \$4 per pot, \$3 per pot for seniors, 5-6:15 p.m., call 775-0133, proceeds benefit Meals On Wheels. **3-10**

Party Bridge

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County Journal

Depot Operation Goes Out to Bid

Rutland City will ask for bids Tuesday in attempt to find someone to run the downtown Amtrak passenger rail depot.

The deadline for submitting proposals for the management and maintenance of the train station is April 9.

The city is interested in receiving proposals from public and private entities to lease the facility and operate it as a train station and visitor center, according to Matthew Sternberg, Rutland Redevelopment Authority executive director.

To receive a request for proposals contact Sara Magro at Rutland City Hall at 773-1800.

The city received a nearly \$700,000 federal grant to build the train depot. A trailer has served as the temporary rail station since Amtrak's Ethan Allen Express began traveling from New York City to Rutland more than a year ago.

Designs of the proposed depot were unveiled at a Board of Aldermen meeting March 2. Construction of the approximately 2,100-square-foot building is expected to start in April and be done by the fall.

The Marble Valley Regional Transit District and the city have been at odds over whether the management of the facility should be put out to bid.

The MVRTD, which runs The Bus, wants to do the job.

Larry Dreier, MVRTD manager, has said having The Bus run the train depot would create a "seamless" transportation system for the region.

The Bus will also be managing a 628-parking space, \$16 million transit center in downtown Rutland currently under construction.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

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Bike Rodeo

Rutland, The Rutland City Kiwanis Club, in conjunction with the Rutland Recreation Department hosts the annual Bike Rodeo in Main Street Park, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., first 100 registrants receive a free bike helmet, all bikes repaired and registered, a safety program and obstacle course conducted, everything is free, rain location is Giorgetti Building at Giorgetti Park. **5-8**



Staff Photo by Margo Smith

Gary Meitrott, a former actor from New York City, plays away in his special "drum hut" at his home in Middletown Springs on Sunday. Meitrott teaches African and Latin American drumming classes.

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He's Got Rhythm

Middletown Man Finds Harmony Playing and Teaching the Drums

By CHRISTINE CUPAIUOLO
Herald Staff

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS — Drummer Gary Meitrott's life is filled with rhythm. It is also filled with harmony.

The former came easily to Meitrott, who started drumming when he was 13 after his mother presented him with his first pair of wooden drum sticks.

The latter took some time, and didn't occur until after Meitrott attended a men's workshop that broke down gender stereotypes and encouraged individual expression.

"The depth of learning to play drums takes years to develop. It brings a responsibility. But also, endorphins are raised and you can get joyous."

Gary Meitrott

The workshop's leader used drums to tell stories and elicit emotions which, until then, Meitrott said, lay buried.

"It was a pivotal point in my life.

I realized all along what the drums were trying to tell me," he said.

A slender 47-year-old former New York City actor and cab driver, Meitrott relocated to Vermont four

years ago with his percussion instruments in tow. He settled in a rustic cabin at the summit of Rocks and Trees Lane, and quickly took to teaching African and Latin American drumming classes.

Today he runs Drum Journeys of Earth and holds classes in Manchester, Pawlet, Middletown Springs and Rutland.

His goal, he said, is to create "a safe place," a place in which people feel free to express themselves individually and artistically. He also

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Drums

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hopes they'll have some fun, and look at drum playing as an ongoing journey.

"The depth of learning to play drums takes years to develop. It brings a responsibility. But also, endorphins are raised and you can get joyous," he said.

In a uniquely designed "drum hut," Meitrott brings that energy and joy to life.

The one-room building, which is a few steps away from his own home, is made out of hay — bales and bales of them from floor to ceiling. Warmed by a space heater, the room smells intoxicatingly sweet and spring-like. Light colored wooden rafters support and contain the bales.

The roof and sides are now covered

by Typar, a protective material. In the spring, the rafters will be covered by a tin roof and the outside walls will be stuccoed. Inside, the hay will remain visible.

The floor looks like a conglomerate of randomly sized boards of wood, but it is actually high-grade particle board. Brightly painted reptiles — snakes and turtles and lizards — adorn the floor, slinking toward the center.

Then there are the drums — in every conceivable size, shape and color and in every corner of the room.

Large, conga drums are set in a circle, taking up most of the floor space. Two African djembe (pronounced jim-BAY) drums are supported on wooden stands and set

near the large glass doors at the other end of the room. There are Brazilian samba drums and Middle Eastern drums, but most of the influence is African.

Along the walls there are tables with other percussion instruments, ranging from cow bells to six-inch clave sticks (which are shaken like rattles) and books about drumming.

Meitrott picks up each instrument with equal parts of wonder and enthusiasm. He prides himself on knowing its cultural origin and being able to pinpoint how it is used within its culture.

But while he is respectful of tradition, Meitrott also improvises with new sounds.

"I also acknowledge the creative side," he says, grinning.

It is that same creativity which propelled him as an actor, leading him from his roots in upstate New York to New York City. There he per-

formed on Broadway for three years in "Oh, Calcutta!" He also toured with a New York company performing "Grease" and "Shenandoah."

"I had a taste of what it felt like to be famous and it cured me of it," he said.

Meitrott also picked up several side jobs, including owning a pottery store and driving a taxi.

As a cab driver, Meitrott saw himself as an "ambassador" to New York. He wore a tie, made sure the radio was tuned to classical or jazz and did everything to ensure his passenger would feel "soothed."

But the city wasn't as comfortable to him, and after he was robbed a gunpoint he decided it was the sign he had been looking for telling him it was time to leave.

Guided by a friend who lived in Vermont, he found the home he now rents next to the drum hut. The property is owned by architect Micha-

Beattie, who designed the hut and painted the floor.

Later, Beattie joined Meitrott's drumming troupe, Om Phalos. The word is Greek for "source from where all being comes." The troupe now includes four men and four women, including Meitrott's partner Mary Vesper.

Meitrott, who has already conducted a drumming workshop at Poultny High School, said the troupe is practicing for future performances in area schools.

They are scheduled to lead Middletown Spring's Solar Fest, an annual three-day event that celebrates renewable energy.

On Saturday, March 21, Om Phalos will perform at "Vibes!" — an evening of poetry and percussion organized by Meitrott. The free event will take place at the Dana Recreation Center between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Anyone who wants to read

a poem, either their own or someone else's, is invited to attend.

The mood will be set by candelabras, and drummers will play softly while the poems are read. Meitrott said the event is dedicated to Viva Whitney, a 92-year-old Rutland resident whose poems will be read by Vesper.

Meitrott is also delving back into his theater roots. He just completed directing Poultny High School students in a Shakespearean comedy entitled "Romeo, Juliet and Hamlet, Too," and said he plans to do more theater work over the summer.

Meitrott said he has no regrets about leaving New York for Vermont, and glibly summarizes his 20 years there by saying, "I did New York and New York did me."

"I came here for the land. I'm being fulfilled by the people," Meitrott said simply, turning to play another drum.

Bike Lane Study Won't Be Funded; Back to Path

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

A proposal to gain \$75,000 in state grant money to add bike lanes to Rutland City streets will not be funded this year, a state transportation official has told city officials.

The city had been seeking the \$75,000 in state funds through the state Agency of Transportation Enhancement Activities Program.

The money would have funded a study of proposed lanes as well as the creation of a few demonstration lanes.

However, in a recent letter to city officials, Miqueo Glitman, state AOT director of policy and planning, wrote that the project did not make the funding cut.

"Unfortunately, because of the excellent quality of the applications and the limited funding availability, we will not be able to fund your project in this funding cycle," Glitman wrote.

More than 57 applications had been submitted to state seeking grant funding, she added.

The bike lane proposal had created some controversy in the city earlier this year. Proponents of an off-street bike path in the city that has already received state funding were concerned that project would be dropped to help finance the new bike lane proposal.

The federal government five years ago granted \$750,000 toward the first phase of the 1.4-mile bike path that would run from the College of State Joseph to State Street.

The city is required to provide 10 percent in matching funds.

Supporters of the bike lane plan believed it would be easier and cheaper to implement than an off-street bike path.

Planning of the off-street path is still under way and the city Recreation Commission intends

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Rutland Rec

Thursday, March 26 will be the last day of registration for the Rutland Recreation Department's summer Midget League baseball program for children aged 9-10 and 11-12. All players must be signed up before the mandatory evaluation. The department is also holding registrations for Mitey Mites and Junior/Senior League baseball. 3-24

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

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Party Bridge

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Essentially

◆ Bike paths are special routes away from the city streets. Bike lanes are part of the streets themselves.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Folk Dancing

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ASA Clinics

There will be three ASA umpire clinics this season for all those wishing to umpire ASA slow-pitch softball this summer. You must attend a clinic to become certified, however need attend only one.

The clinics will all be held at the Rutland Recreation Center on East Center Street. The first clinic is Sunday, March 29 at 6 p.m.; the second Monday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. and the final on Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m.

The cost for umpire certification and rules clinic is \$32 and the clinics are open to all current and aspiring umpires.

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to review the status of the project.

Issues that need to be resolved, according to Alderman Christopher Louras, Recreation Committee chairman, include whether the city should take over the management of the project from the state.

Also, the city needs to review whether the price tag of the project, which has now escalated to about \$1.2 million, is too steep, Louras said.

"We still need to decide if we want

to go forward with it or negotiate with the state to get out," he said.

Matthew Sternberg, Rutland Redevelopment Authority executive director, said while he's disappointed the bike lane proposal did not gain grant approval, he knew it would be an extremely competitive process.

It is possible for the city apply for the grant again in the future. The city could also search out other alternative funding sources, he said.

"It just means it's an idea whose time wasn't right now," Sternberg said.

Kevin Jones, a proponent of the off-street bike path, said he hopes this decision by the state convinces other city officials to support the bike path project.

"I hope this will finally get those at City Hall who have been trying to undermine our past bike path project to work with us to make it a reality for the people of Rutland," he said.

Soccer Saints Name Bishop

By TOM HALEY
Herald Staff

When the College of St. Joseph opens the men's soccer season on Sept. 8 by hosting Teikyo Post, it will begin a new era for the program. Rutland Recreation Department program director EJay Bishop will sign a contract on April 1, making him the Fighting Saints head coach.

"I'm tickled to have EJay here," said CSJ Athletic Director George Revis. "He's proven himself to be a quality person and a quality coach."

Bishop succeeds Ludlow's Pat Valente, who has been at the helm of the Saints for the past six years.

Valente has steadily built the program and last fall the Saints were one game away from earning their first postseason playoff spot in the school's history.

"EJay will be inheriting a program that is on the rise," said Revis.

Bishop will also be taking the reins of a program that will have some local players on the field and, if successful, should command some interest in the area because of the local talent. Rutland goalie Mike Coppinger and Mill River graduate Tony Russo will join Mill River returnee Keegan Petrossi.

Bishop has previous been a varsity boys soccer coach at Mount St. Joseph Academy and last year was the jayvee boys coach at Rutland High. He is a Middlebury College graduate.

Bishop has already met with the CSJ players a few different times.

"He was very thorough," said Revis. Revis described Bishop's first team as "a veteran team with some good recruits."

Saints' Notes— College of St. Joseph men's basketball coach Jon D'Alessandro will be attending the Final Four in San Antonio along with

City Will Create Ice Skating Rink Inside Depot Park

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

There will be at least one big patch of ice in Depot Park that won't be sand-covered or salted next winter.

Rutland City officials have unveiled plans to build an ice skating rink in the downtown park.

"This is no longer a project we might do, this is a project we're going to do," Mayor Jeffrey Wennberg said.

The project has been on Wennberg's wish list for several years, but one of the hangups has been trying to find the money to do it without adding to the tax rate.

Last year when the mayor brought the idea up again, the Rutland Kiwanis club decided to help out. The club will donate the \$5,000 it will cost to set up the rink, as well as provide funds each year to keep it going.

"It's a great way to utilize that part of downtown and we think it's going

to benefit a lot of people," said Melissa Carpenter, club president.

"This is not Rockefeller Center, or anywhere near that, but it's a nice touch," added Al Paul, the club's fundraising chairman. "We really would like to see it happen."

The rink will be placed over a plastic covering on the grass section of the park, said Leif Dahlin, Rutland recreation superintendent. It will measure 45 feet by 120 feet.

"It's not big enough for hockey, but we don't want to have hockey there anyway," he said. "It's a nice downtown-size rink for recreation."

Piping will be placed around the outside of the rink to keep the water in, Dahlin said. A small resurfer will be purchased to keep the ice smooth.

A breakdown of the cost of the project shows the plastic to place over the

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grass will cost \$2,250 and the price tag of the ice resurfer is about \$2,200, Dahlin said.

The Kiwanis club is planning to have members volunteer to help set up the rink when the temperature gets cold enough next winter, Carpenter said.

It's not known how many days the rink will be open or even when it will be set up, Dahlin said.

"That's up to Mother Nature," he said. "Ideally, we'd like to have it up and running by the holidays."

The city's fire department has agreed to flood the rink with water from a nearby hydrant. The city recreation staff will run the ice resurfer on the rink as needed.

The city will not staff the rink, Dahlin said. A sign will be posted notifying those using the rink that skating will be unsupervised.

There will be no charge for skating at the rink.

"The same kind of rules will apply here as Rockefeller Center," Wennberg said. "Skaters won't be allowed to get into wild behavior."

Depot Park, located in the heart of

downtown near the Rutland Shopping Plaza and across Merchants Row from the Coffee Exchange, was redesigned in 1996. New benches, lights and a large grassy area all were part of the facelift.

One reason an ice rink was not pursued this year was because the grass is still relatively new and officials did not want to damage it.

But, with an added year and a protective covering, the grass should not be harmed when the rink is flooded, Dahlin said.

The new rink is expected to supplement the city's current skating programs at Giorgetti Park and Royce Mandigo Arena.

"In no way do I see it as taking away from other skating programs," Dahlin said. "The more people you get skating, the more these existing facilities will be used by the public."

The ice rink means the park will be used up to five more months a year, Wennberg said.

"In the past, after the first snowfall, the park's been pretty quiet," the mayor said. "The rink will be in a very visible location and will be a great benefit to the city."

Play Table Tennis

Rutland, The Green Mountain Table Tennis Club invites all to play table tennis at the Dana Recreation Center, all ages welcome, 7:15-10 p.m., 773-1822.

Stamp Club

Rutland, The Rutland County Stamp Club meets at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, 46 Nichols St., 7 p.m., all welcome. Washline Exhibit and Swap and Sell, Paul Tortolano, chair.

Vermont Rental Property

Rutland, The Vermont Rental Property Owners Association holds its monthly meeting at the Moose Club downstairs dining room, 78 Center St., 7 p.m., public invited, for information call 775-3680.

SCHOOL BOARD

Fair Haven, grade school, 7 p.m.

4-1 Tomorrow

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Celebrity Waitathon Benefits Playground

The Sirlin Saloon Third Annual "Celebrity Waitathon" was held Jan. 12, a benefit for the Madison Avenue playground in memory of Justin Thomas.

All tips and 100 percent of the evening's restaurant sales profits — a total of more than \$2,415 — went to benefit the playground.

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soccer game under the lights of Rutland's Alumni Field with Castleton State. The plan is to make it the second game of a doubleheader involving a high school game ... Karl Roemer will return as CSJ's women's soccer coach ... Two student-written articles have appeared in the CSJ campus newspaper

recently that were critical of the men's basketball program, citing the conduct of players and fans the inability of the team to play together ... Athletic trainer Mike Dorion will be putting all CSJ athletes through speed and agility drills in the coming weeks.

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Health Clinics

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Foolsproof

Rutland, Husband and wife, Robert and Linda Peck perform fast-paced physical comedy and witty parodies at Dana Recreation Center, 2 p.m., free and open to the public of all ages, for information call 773-1822.

Day Two Of Spring

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Photo by Albert J. Marro

Jennifer Lizotte, left, and A.J. Huntington plow their way through Depot Park in Rutland Saturday afternoon on the second day of spring.

day, March 25, 1996



Staff Photo by Christian Widewake

The city will use a Kiwanis donation to build a skating rink in Depot Park for next winter.

Luncheon-Cruise On Lake George

AARP Chapter 791 will be taking a cruise/luncheon on Lake George June 19.

The group will leave from the Godnick Senior Center on Deer Street at 9:30 a.m. and return at 6 p.m.

The price is \$18 per person, to be paid by May 15. For more information please call Mary Colomb at 773-2932, or Theresa Stasny at 775-6469 or Fran Jones at 775-6473.

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Umpires Needed

There is still a need for people interested in umpiring slow pitch softball in Rutland this summer.

Anyone interested in becoming an umpire should attend the final clinic of the spring, which will be held Wednesday at the Rutland Recreation Department at 6:30 p.m.

No experience is necessary. For more information contact Steve Dumas at 775-3627.

Preschool Has Open House April 7 and 8

The public is invited to a Preschool Open House Tuesday, April 7, for children age 3 or Wednesday, April 8, for children age 4 at Rotary Field House located off North Street in Rutland.

The Rutland Recreation Department will hold registration for the Fall Preschool Thursday, April 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Rotary Field House.

Preschool is open to children who turn age 3 or 4 respectively by Sept. 1.

At the time of registration a \$50 deposit is due and the balance of the first installment is due Aug. 21. Registration for preschool is for a full school year, but fees are broken up into three payments.

Jane Brown, a certified teacher is returning, along with Joan McIntosh, a registered nurse. The program is held at Rotary Field House Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4-year-olds, and Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3-year-olds from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The program follows the public school calendar.

Godnick Center Offers Bus Trips

The Rutland Recreation Department's Godnick Adult Center is sponsoring the following bus trips:

◆ The Wang Theater in Boston Thursday, Aug. 20, to see "Beauty and the Beast," the Broadway smash hit musical. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, April 27, for residents and Tuesday, April 28, for non-residents.

The bus will leave the center at

2:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 2 a.m. Dinner is on your own at time of arrival. Children are welcome, but each child must be accompanied by an adult. Fee of \$64 per person is due at time of registration.

◆ Foster's Downeast Clambake in York, Maine, with shopping at the Maine outlets in Kittery Wednesday, June 24. Foster's traditional New England clambake features the finest food items available.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, May 11, for residents and Tuesday, May 12, for non-residents. The fee of \$44 includes the clambake and transportation. The bus leaves the center at 7:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 9 p.m.

◆ Quebec City Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2 and 3. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, April 13, for residents and Tuesday, April 14, for non-residents.

A deposit of \$30 is due at time of registration. The balance is due on or before July 6.

The trip's highlights include tours of old and new Quebec City, Plains of Abraham, the Chateau Frontenac, a tour of Isle d'Orleans, the Cathedral of St. Anne de Beapre and much more.

The cost per person is \$370/double (\$530/single, \$340/triple) and includes: bus transportation, three nights accommodations, six meals, baggage handling, all taxes and gratuities.

◆ Saratoga Performing Arts Center Friday, Sept. 4 to see "River Dance." Registration begins Monday, April 6, for residents and Tuesday, April 7,

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My Turn

Strong Recreation Department Important

BY LEIF ERIK DAHLIN, CLP

Local Park and Recreation Departments are but one piece of the community puzzle. So many key, complex and integral components exist that determine the vitality and well-being of the greater community. We are but one small, yet vital piece. In addition to all of the positive things that have happened in recent years, brought about by so many hardworking and committed people, the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department has played a small role in the renaissance of Rutland.

The residents of the City of Rutland and the area's non-residents are very fortunate to have such a great resource available. This is only made possible by the generous and committed support of the taxpayer. However, the Recreation and Parks Department is at a critical time in its tenure. The hey-day of the '70s and '80s when the Federal government was giving away money to help build parks and facilities is gone. I don't believe we will see anytime in the near future the kind of grants we used to receive. This resource disappearing, along with the fact much of that which was built with those Federal dollars (as well as local matching money) is now in a state of rapid deterioration, make the challenge of providing the best possible services and facilities for residents exceedingly difficult.

This challenge is further compounded by the fact Rutland has a real and legitimate property tax problem and burden. The burden placed on the local citizen is enormous. I believe most residents willingly support the Recreation and Parks Department to their fullest ability. Unfortunately, this generosity still leaves a void with respect to infrastructure needs. What do we need to have to upgrade our facilities in order to provide the best possible services into the next millennium? Unfortunately, it is called money. So what else is new! What is new is how we go about finding the financial resources.

I am frequently approached by concerned citizens who see what is happening in our parks and buildings with respect to deterioration. Invariably, I get asked, "can't we get some Federal and or State grants?" The Federal money is gone. How easy it would be to fix all that needs fixing were the cash cow known as the Federal government still giving it away. So what do we do? We have to look internally and locally. We have to look at and evaluate what we can do differently within our Department's operation to economize and shift financial resources to pressing needs.

We have been able to do several things. Energy audits have helped us save numerous thousands of dollars. Unfortunately, we have had to shift the cost of programs to the user and cease subsidizing a lot of our programs. We are always looking for ways to save a buck! Technological advances have helped immensely and we need to keep taking advantage of technology. It is much cheaper to add software and hardware than to add a person. Externally we must look at what possible resources exist that can help and assist us in carrying out our mission and action plan. We have already experienced a degree of success with this strategy and there are still plenty of opportunities for involving all who are interested.

What are our needs? We need more greenspace for athletic activities. We share with the school and the school shares with us and we simply do not have enough athletic fields. There is so much more that we could be providing for the community were the greenspace available. Playgrounds for our children need a lot of work. Buildings need to be brought up to today's standards and codes and made more attractive and functional. An inor-



Leif Erik Dahlin, CLP, is superintendent at Rutland Recreation and Parks Department.

minate amount of time is wasted due to inherent inefficiencies that could be remedied. The ultimate need is an honest-to-goodness Recreation Center. Lawrence Recreation Center served the community exceedingly well for decades until it was closed that fateful day in 1994. The Dana Recreation Center, formerly an elementary school, is where we are currently located. This building is serving the community well as a recreation center. However, it is not a Recreation Center in the true sense. Data from a recent needs assessment survey concluded the community is very interested in having a recreation center that houses an aquatic complex, and a substantial gymnasium as well as other amenities that constitutes a Recreation Center.

I submit that an endeavor such as this cannot be done by Rutland City alone. This must be a partnership of several communities who come together and make it happen. It will require the establishment of a Park District or some form of hybrid. If this is not possible, maybe a YMCA or equivalent can make this dream and need come true. Regardless, don't kid yourself. It all takes money! Whether it is government or a 501 C-3 we will still need to find the financial resources. Yes, there are some grants and foundations to tap but not to the degree there used to be. Before any of this can happen, there needs to be a rallying force that I believe must be grassroots. From the top down does not work. From the bottom up, absolutely! This goal requires collaboration. When I say collaboration I do not mean partnering. I mean throwing out the old ways of doing business and looking at and finding a new way of conducting the business of providing Parks and Recreation.

All too often I think people don't fully realize what a Recreation and Parks Department can and should provide for the community. The potential benefits are enormous. What are some of the benefits provided by a full-service Recreation Department such as Rutland's. Citizens could be happier, build family unity, feel great, take care of latch-key children, reduce unemployment, increase communication skills, expand knowledge, lose weight, diminish the chance of disease, build self-esteem, reduce stress, promote sensitivity to cultural diversity, eliminate loneliness, increase community pride, reduce crime, provide safe places to play, generate revenue, lower health care costs, meet friends, educate children and adults, relax, keep business from leaving, elevate personal growth, strengthen neighborhood involvement, conquer boredom, provide child care, boost the economy, curb employee absenteeism, increase tourism, build strong bodies, increase property value, attract new business, preserve plant and animal wildlife, instill teamwork, live longer, create memories, protect the environment, clean the air and water, boost employee productivity, look better, enhance relationship skills, decrease insurance premiums, control weight, offer place for social interaction, diminish gang violence, teach vital life skills, and provide space to enjoy nature.

The benefits are endless when there is a

Move Ahead With Bike Path. 43

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the off-street bike path issue. The choice is not dropping the off-street path and transferring the money to building on-street routes. The grant was available on a competitive basis. Several towns submitted proposals based on specific criteria. The grant was awarded to Rutland for their proposal submitted to the Agency of Transportation and agreed to by the Board of Aldermen. If the city decides to cancel or significantly alter the original proposal, the competitive grant application would have to start all over again, a three-to-five-year delay, with no guarantee of being accepted. In addition the city is responsible for paying \$55,000 to the state, its 10 percent share of the costs incurred to date.

The off-street path selected was done so because it will be by far the most expensive leg of a potential bike route around the city. It will also provide a very safe way to travel in a non-motorized way in the western part of town.

The federal/state monies already earmarked for this project would go to other bike routes around the state if Rutland passes up this opportunity. The specific route requires expensive bridging and environmental design work, thus \$1.2 million is a lot of money for the off-street path, but Rutland's 10 percent portion can be offset by donations, fund raising and in-kind services.

I feel the project will be an exciting start to a positive community resource for Rutland City residents and out-of-town visitors as well. Please urge the aldermen and city officials to move ahead with it as is.

STEVEN J. STEIGERWALD
Rutland

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Party Bridge 47

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ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge 49

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Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 8:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

And in the Grass

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Crocuses have begun to blossom throughout Rutland County, including a variety on the lawn of the Godnick Senior Center on Deer Street, ushering in the spring flower season. These perennials were planted by the Rutland Garden Club.

Staff Photo by Albert J. Marvo

Let's Repair Tennis Courts

4-1

I hate to look another summer at the abandoned Rotary tennis courts.

I had a nice letter from the recreation department last summer explaining why the rebuilding of the courts was cost-prohibitive.

At the risk of "telling the emperor he is naked," the estimates as to what has to be done to make the courts playable was ridiculous. The big expense, as the estimate outlined, was the building of a drainage system.

We were told the same thing when we built a clay court some 100 feet away from the courts. We ignored the advice, and 26 years later, the court is still not ever wet. The reason the net post came out of the ground at Rotary was improper installation.

I could reiterate what was wrong with the whole estimate, but instead I request that the recreation department get bids from the road builders in the area — the fences can be reused and reset by the rec department workers who have done it before, and one drainage pipe can be put at the foot of the filled lot on Route 7 that was built too close to the courts.

BETTY PHELPS
Rutland

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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My Vermont Garden

Peggy Stattel

3-28

Plan Landscaping For Color, Blooms Over Three Seasons

If you come by my home you'll know that I'm not an expert when it comes to landscaping. No one will ever mistake my yard for Martha Stewart's. That's OK with me. I like my yard and the way I have it arranged.

From my porch I can see the round perennial gardens in the middle of my lawn. Pine trees used to be there but when the trees were taken down I chose to let the roots rot naturally and become a base for flowers. A few stones, some topsoil, mulch, a little cleverness and I get some spectacular displays three seasons of the year.

When you drive up to my house you immediately notice a semi-circular rock garden. I replanted the entire garden last fall. In front is a dinner table size creeping phlox (lavender colored), which drapes over the surrounding stones. It will bloom in late spring or early summer. Just behind it are spring bulbs which will bloom before the perennials I have strategically placed in the middle. In the back of this garden, which is directly in front of my house, are Euonymus bushes (burning bushes), lilies and Hosta. They'll bloom in late summer and the bushes will turn a bright scarlet in the fall. If

all goes as I hope, this garden will produce continuous color from spring until fall. For the few bare patches, I'll fill in with annuals as needed. I can't wait to see it come together.

I've never had a formal education in landscaping but I've read many books, seen videos, worked with computer programs and taken a class or two. The philosophy I developed about landscaping is to keep it simple and as close to nature as possible. When we take drives in the mountains or walks in the woods I'm constantly checking out what's growing and how it relates to the rest of the environment. Formal, symmetrical gardens can be quite lovely and may be OK for some folks but not for me.

Despite my lack of expertise in landscaping I was asked to create a design for a playground in Rutland City which is being completely renovated. When their son, Justin, died last summer, Roy and Michele Thomas decided to adopt a city park in memory of their son. They had seen Leif Dahlin, the superintendent of Rutland City's recreation and parks, on a local television program describing the city's goal to renovate and rehabilitate all the parks in the area. The Thomases and their 6-year-old daughter, Kayla, met with Leif and decided that Madison Street park would suit their purposes. Built more than 32 years ago it was in dire need of updating.

I know my limitations so I enlisted the aid of my friend, Skip Pratico, who conveniently owns and operates a landscaping business. He volunteered to help me decide on the types of plants that would be suitable for a park like this. We were looking at trees and shrubs that would be economical, hardy and complimentary to the proposed equipment. We also wanted to create a park that would be aesthetically beautiful now and

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Stattel

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in the future. The new Justin Thomas park will have sugar maple, crabapple and Newport plum trees. That will provide the park with pink and white blossoms in the spring and fiery color in the fall. The shrubs we chose were Euonymus bushes, another fall beauty, purple sand cherry, gold tip juniper, fragrant viburnum and purple rhododendrons. There will be foliage changes all season long.

Adopting a park is a great idea to bring the entire community together. Many local businesses and private citizens have volunteered time, money and resources to create this park. Folks are making donations for trees, shrubs or bricks that will be placed in a special walkway, in memory of family members.

The formal dedication will be on Sunday, May 17. Volunteers are

needed to help set up the equipment the weekend before and to help in general to get the park ready for its grand reopening. If you would like to help in any way or just want further information about the adopt-a-park program, you can call the Parks and Recreation Department at 773-1822 or Roy and Michele Thomas at 775-0923. According to Leif, this is just the beginning.

Bike Path

Deserves Support

To the Board of Aldermen:

According to a recent article, the bike lane study has been refused state funding. This narrows our community's focus on the bike path. It would be a shame for us to back away from this project for the following reasons:

1. A poll in The Wall Street Journal last November showed that new home buyers rated bicycle and pedestrian trails as the second most popular amenity (74 percent rated them "extremely important," behind "open space" with 77 percent). Do you want to attract new businesses to our city? This is one very powerful way to do so.

2. We have already committed ourselves to roughly \$50,000 in research and planning, all of which would be lost should we choose to drop the project.

3. This is the most critical portion of a path, which could completely encircle our city. With right-of-way problems limited to one party along East Creek, we are very close to solving this most difficult element of the first phase, being rights of use. To delay this project to another decade would almost surely close our window of opportunity. (Remember the bypass.)

4. This is not just another feel-good boondoggle, ranking below other priorities. This path is about the very soul and being of our downtown. How many people drive all the way to Burlington or Stowe to use their paths? I know two individuals just within my office.

5. Assuming a 90 percent match by the state, and an overall project cost of \$1.2 million, that leave \$120,000 we will be paying for something that literally changes the face of our community. Just to put things in perspective, our Public Works Department budgets \$180,000 for road salt, per year.

6. Thanks to the local fund-raising efforts of our bike path committee, coupled with 60 percent of the value of donated easements, Rutland's 10 percent match could be significantly reduced. Let us not squander these potential sources.

Please support the bike path while it is still within our realistic grasp.

Thank you for your attention. I will be following up by telephone to inquire as to which aldermen still regard other priorities as being higher than the bike path, with an open ear as to why.

LARRY A. WALTER
Rutland

Power Struggle



Workers from Central Vermont Public Service Corp. and the city's Public Works Department repair a severed underground power cable in Center Street Alley on Thursday night.

Staff Photo by Chris Widenwale

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

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Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Folk Dancing

Rutland, Marilyn Sheldon instructs international folk dancing featuring dances from Greece, Sicily, Turkey and Serbia and more, no partner or experience necessary, Godnick Adult Center, Deer Street, 2 p.m., \$2, for information call 773-1853 or 438-2920.

Crowley Race

The Rutland City Rotary Club and the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department have announced that the Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race will be held on Sunday, June 7 with the starting gun at 8:30 a.m.

The race course has changed and will begin at Albark in Proctor. It is a certified and sanctioned 10K race. Shirts will be given to the first 75 registrants. For registration forms or for further information, please contact the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department.

Bridge Program Is Offered in April

The Godnick Adult Center is offering an eight-week bridge program by Irene Vignoe.

The Heart Series on "Defense" will begin Thursday, April 16, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The fee for each class is \$25 for residents, \$31 for non-residents.

For more information call 773-1853.

Play Table Tennis

Rutland, The Green Mountain Table Tennis Club invites all to play table tennis at the Dana Recreation Center, all ages welcome, 7:15-10 p.m., 773-1822.

Sanders Meeting

Rutland, Congressman Bernie Sanders holds a senior town meeting regarding Medicare, Social Security and other issues of interest to Vermont seniors, Godnick Senior Center, 1 Deer St., 1 p.m., free and open to the public.

Today

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Major Repairs Urged For City's White Park

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

Rutland City's Recreation Committee is recommending major improvements to a ballfield and bathhouse at White Park.

Nearly \$190,000 in renovations approved by the committee will be financed from a trust fund left to the city many years ago for upkeep of the park, located off Avenue B in the city's southeast section.

Currently, the White Trust Fund has slightly more than \$190,000, City Treasurer Ronald Graves told the committee at a meeting Tuesday night.

"We have some big concerns with depleting the fund but these are repairs that need to be made," said Alderman Christopher Louras, chairman of the Recreation Committee.

The committee's recommendation is expected to be taken up by the Board of Aldermen at its next meeting Monday night.

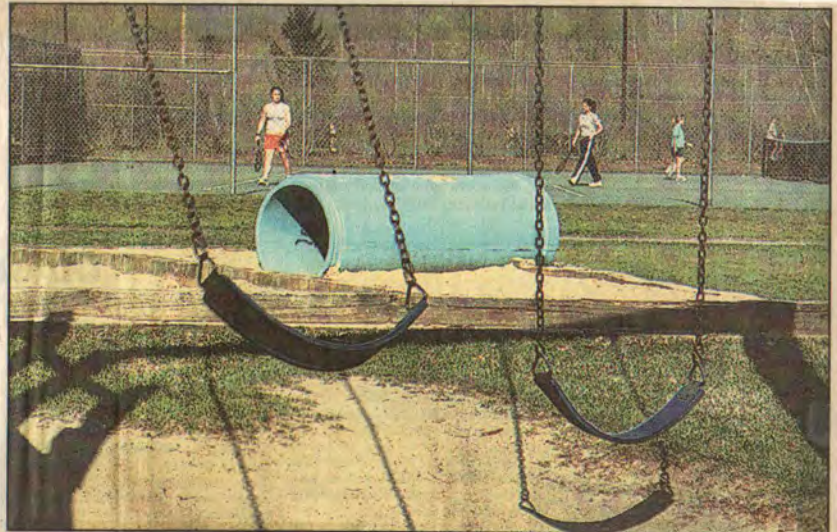
Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin presented plans for repairs to the park to the committee Tuesday night.

The improvements approved by the committee have been separated into two phases.

The first phase funds about \$30,000 in upgrades to the ball field at the park.

Those upgrades include putting up fences around the park, installing a new backstop and bleachers, as well as enlarging the right field section of the park. Also, railings will be added to a footbridge and five tennis courts will be resurfaced.

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Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

Nearly \$190,000 in renovations are recommended for White Park off Avenue B in Rutland.

The Cost

◆ \$160,000 in repairs to bathhouse.

◆ \$30,000 in upgrades to ball field.

Park

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The second and most expensive phase of the project involves repairs to the bathhouse at the park's pool.

About \$160,000 in repairs will upgrade the building's foundation and correct drainage problems that have damaged the facility's floor.

In addition, the building needs to be renovated to meet federal accessibility standards. Water pipes leading to the wading pool also need to be repaired.

Asked by Recreation Committee members if it would be prudent to deplete the trust fund, Graves said, the park repairs appear to be justified.

"You've expanded it and built it and made it a nice park, and now we've got to maintain it," Graves said. "I think we do need to do this."

The committee then approved the upgrades through use of the trust fund.

In other business, Alderman Kevin Jones, a recreation committee member, reported that a local group is continuing to work on a proposed bike path in the city.

Currently, Jones said, easements have been assured for a 2.4-mile stretch of the path. The proposed path runs from the College of St. Joseph to Giorgetti Park.

The city received a \$750,000 federal grant in 1993 to fund the path. The city is required to pay 10 percent of the project's cost in matching funds.

A recent estimate of the path's price tag is more than \$1 million.

Jones told the committee Tuesday night that the local bike path committee is working to raise up to \$25,000 to help the city — which is on the hook for roughly \$55,000 in matching funds to date and will end up owing more than twice that.

Also, Dahlin said the Zero Gravity Skate Park at Giorgetti Park is slated to open May 2.

County Journal

Justin Thomas Park Name to Be Voted

The Rutland City Board of Aldermen will be presented with a proclamation Monday night to change the name of Madison Street Park to the Justin Thomas Memorial Park.

The city's Recreation Committee on April 14 recommended the approval of the proclamation to the board.

Justin Thomas was 2 1/2 years old when he died last year of meningitis.

Since his death his parents, Roy and Michele Thomas of Rutland, have been leading a fund-raising drive to refurbish Madison Street Park in their son's memory.

So far, close to \$30,000 has been raised to purchase new equipment for the park.

County Journal

Town Meeting For Senior Issues Today

Rep. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., will host a Senior Town Meeting in Rutland April 15 to address concerns over Medicare, Social Security and other issues of interest to Vermont seniors.

Sanders will be joined by Ron Claff, director of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice; Diane Novak, executive director of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging; Frank Schatzman, state director for AARP; and Beverly Davidson, Castleton senior organizer.

The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at the Goddick Senior Center, 1 Deer St., Rutland.

Walk-a-thon Will Benefit the Shelter

The Rutland County Humane Society will hold its annual walk-a-thon Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m.

Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Depot Park near Wal-Mart.

Well-behaved dogs on a leash are welcome to participate with their owners. There will be T-shirts for the first 100 walkers to register with sponsors, and bandanas for the first 100 dogs.

There are prizes for those who raise the most money.

Sponsor sheets are available at the shelter in Pittsford or call 483-6700 and one will be mailed.

The walk will follow a short route through Rutland beginning and ending at Depot Park. The walk is sponsored by Margorie Dyer of Rutland.

Today

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10-Week Program Of Dance Offered

Crossroads Arts Council, Very Special Arts Vermont and the Community Access Program of Rutland County have joined forces to present Access Dance, a 10-week program of dance and expressive movement.

Access Dance is based upon a model developed by the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and the Alvin Ailey Dance Co.

In weekly sessions, participants will learn different forms of dance and music, and how to express themselves through dance.

Not only will they enjoy a lifetime leisure activity, but will also develop an improved sense of rhythm, increased self-confidence, and flexibility and strength.

Dance Access is also a great way to bring members of our very diverse community together.

In the words of the founder, Alvin Ailey, participants will "reach out and touch the world and know that they are a part of life — and that it is an extraordinary life."

Planning for the program has included input from Jane Elin, who has worked in the program with Crossroads for the past year. She will be the instructor for the program and also

provides similar services in Addison and Chittenden counties.

Dance Access will be held Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Dana Recreation Center. The first session will be held April 22. There are five spaces available to the general public for the 10-week session.

To register for Dance Access or for further information, please contact Crossroads Arts Council at 775-5413.

Afro-Latino Drumming

Rutland, Gary Meitrott provides brief description and basic instruction in Afro-Latino drumming at the Rutland Youth Center, 101 Allen St., bring drum, some available, 3 p.m., open to teenagers at no cost, for information call 773-1902 or 770-1469.

Adult Softball

League schedules for the Rutland Recreation Department's Adult Softball season may be picked up at the Dana Recreation Center.

Team managers should pick up schedules and rule books and score books. All fields are open for practice but must be assigned at the recreation office.

Tennis Courts Could Use Repair

I agree with Betty Phelps who wrote to the editor last week about what a shame it is to have the Rotary Field tennis courts remain in disrepair. I can remember in the late '70s and '80s how those courts were a very busy place, almost year round. You were lucky if you didn't have to wait in line to play. During my teenage years, I would play tennis there and then run over to the old pool to cool off with my friends.

Now that I am living on the west side of the city I see a great need for those Rotary tennis courts. I don't want to drive my children or have them ride their bikes all the way over to White's when they want to play tennis. It would be wonderful if those courts could get fixed up and we could walk over there and play tennis and visit with neighbors. I bet people from this side of the city would be playing more tennis.

Tennis is a very popular sport, and I think any funding the Recreation Department could put towards the repair of the Rotary Field tennis courts would be money well spent.

JACKIE GAUTHIER
Rutland

Vibes II

Rutland, Gary Meitrott from Drum Journeys of Earth creates a unique experience where the audience provides the poetry and Drum Journey provides the rhythm, bring coffee, a percussion instrument and poetry, Dana Recreation Department, East Center Street, 7:30-9:30 p.m., geared for 7th grade and up.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

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Party Bridge

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Percussion, Poetry At Dana on April 25

Vibes II is an evening of poetry and percussion, sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, Saturday April 25, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center on East Center Street.

Gary Meitrott from Drum Journeys of Earth has created a unique experience where the audience provides the poetry and Drum Journeys provide the rhythm.

Vibes II will provide the candle-light atmosphere. Everyone is encouraged to bring a thermos of hot coffee, a percussion instrument and their poetry. Vibes II is geared for seventh grade and up, including college students.

Boston Trip Planned By Godnick Center

The Rutland Recreation Department's Godnick Adult Center is sponsoring a bus trip to The Wang Theater in Boston on Thursday, Aug. 20, to see "Beauty and the Beast," the Broadway smash hit musical.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, April 27, for residents and Tuesday, April 28, for non-residents. The bus leaves the center at 2:30 p.m. and returns at about 2 a.m. Dinner is on your own at time of arrival.

Children are welcome, but each child must be accompanied by an adult. The fee of \$64 per person is due at time of registration.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Dog Fest

Rutland, The Rutland Valley Kennel Club holds annual Dog Fest 98 featuring dog obedience demonstrations, tracking demo, vendors, breed rescue, rescue dog parade, guiding eye demo and more. Rutland Recreation Department, East Street, (old Dana School gym), 10 a.m.-3 p.m., free admission.

County Journal

Aldermen Approve White Park Repairs

A fund so old that city officials couldn't remember exactly when it was established will pay for some big improvements to White Park.

Close to \$190,000 in repairs will be made to the park, located off Avenue B in Rutland City.

Money for the repairs will come from the White fund, established for the upkeep of the park and pool. The fund started several years ago with \$25,000, but officials at Monday night's meeting of aldermen weren't sure when.

It has since grown to \$190,000. The Board of Aldermen unanimously approved depleting that fund for repairs to the park.

Some board members expressed concern about depleting the fund, but were convinced that the repairs were necessary.

"We wouldn't be asking for it if they weren't needed," Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin said.

Repairs include putting up fencing around the park, installing a new backstop and bleachers, as well as enlarging the right field section of the park.

Also, railings will be added to a footbridge at the park and five tennis courts will be resurfaced.

In addition, upgrades will be made to the bath house's foundation and drainage problems that have damaged the facility's floor will be fixed. The building also needs to be renovated to meet federal accessibility standards. Water pipes leading to the wading pool will also be repaired.

Park Is Renamed For Justin Thomas

Madison Street Park will now have a new address.

The Rutland City Board of Aldermen on Monday unanimously approved changing its name to the Justin Thomas Memorial Park.

Justin Thomas was 2 1/2 when he died of meningitis last May.

Since his death his parents, Roy and Michelle Thomas of Rutland, have raised close to \$30,000 to refurbish Madison Street Park in their son's memory.

"The efforts of Roy and Michelle Thomas in memory of their son Justin are worthy of recognition for their contribution to enhancing the quality of life in Rutland," Mayor Jeffrey Wennberg read from a proclamation Monday night.

The parents thanked the board for its action.

"We'd like to thank you," Board President John Cassarino told them. "What you have done is a wonderful gesture."

Vibes II

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In-Line Skating Tourney Is May 16

The Zero Gravity Skate Park and The Aggressive Skaters Association's amateur circuit will bring an In-Line Regional Qualifying competition to Rutland on Saturday, May 16.

The partnership between ASA and New England's largest street course will showcase local talent, and eventually connect local programs to the nerve center of In-Line skating.

With three separate divisions — beginner, intermediate and expert — Zero Gravity and ASA hope to encourage area skaters to get involved. The competition, The In-Line Spring Street Jam, invites all ages.

The ASA's core objective is to facilitate and support local skate scenes by promoting local events.

Zero Gravity and ASA coordinate these Eastern competitions to introduce local skaters into the larger skate world, nationally and internationally.

Registration for Zero Gravity's Regional Qualifier begins Saturday, May 16, at 8 a.m. The Street Jam's preliminary round begins at 9:30 a.m. All skaters must be ASA members to compete.

Non-members can sign up for an ASA membership during registration at Zero Gravity May 16, for an annual fee of \$19.

The registration is \$35 for the Street competition.

The top three skaters from the Street Skate advance to the Regional Finals in New York City, at the Good Will Games, July 25-26.

Saturday's competition is the first of two planned ASA events at Zero Gravity this summer. The next is on July 5.

Grass Transplant



Staff Photo by Margo Smith

Rutland Recreation Department employees Jeff Cassarino, Bob Peterson and Bill Reardon (left to right) install new sod in Depot Park this week. The sod came from the newly named Justin Thomas Park, where it was unneeded due to new playground equipment being installed.

Annual Bike Rodeo In Rutland Saturday

The Rutland City Kiwanis Club, in conjunction with the Rutland Recreation Department will host the Annual "Bike Rodeo" in Main Street Park on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The first 100 registrants will receive a free bike helmet. All bikes will be repaired and registered. A safety program and obstacle course will be conducted. Everything is free.

In case of rain it will be held inside the Giorgetti Building at Giorgetti Park.

Rec Tennis

The Rutland Recreation Department will sponsor the Godnick Adult Center doubles tennis league for players 50 and older this summer. Play will take place on Tuesday mornings from 8-10 a.m. beginning June 23, and will last 12 weeks.

Registration will begin Monday, May 11. The fee is \$24 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. For information, call 773-1853.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, The Rutland Ballroom Dance Club holds dances, Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-11 p.m.; singles and couples welcome, dress is business casual, members, \$5; non-members, \$8 per person, 773-6971.

775-3660.

Duplicate Bridge

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Thursday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: KC's Tavern 23, Carey's Auto 4
Men's B: Midas/Mr. C's 16, Lindholm's 4
Men's C: Magoo's 14, Jilly's 6
Men's D: Pizza Delight 19, All Lines 5
Women's A: Two Shea's 15, C.J.'s 10
Women's B: Ollie's Girls 23, Jilly's 14

Friday's Events

High School Lacrosse
See playoff pairings
Men's B: Nalors vs. Jilly's, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: Two Shea's vs. VAC, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Women's B: Renegades vs. BRP/Jilly's, MN
Women's B: Parker's vs. Uncle Sam's, Gio
Women's B: Smith Buick vs. Mintzer Brothers, NE

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Singles

Free Skate Day

Rutland, The Zero Gravity Skate Park, at Giorgetti Park holds a free skate day for everyone to celebrate the season opening, 3-9 p.m.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Drum Demonstration At Dana on Saturday

A free demonstration of Afro-Latin style drumming is being given almost monthly at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St. Come and meet Gary Meitrott, the director of Drums Journeys of Earth.

Meitrott will lead participants through an hour-long hands-on drum experience.

The next date is May 2 at noon.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Roller Hockey Will Start Up at Giorgetti

The Rutland Recreation Department will offer "Roller Hockey" at Giorgetti Rink on Mondays from 6:30 to 9 p.m., May 11 through Oct. 19.

This is a drop-in league, with Jeff Smith as commissioner.

Mandatory safety equipment is needed: helmet, padded gloves, elbow pads, shinguards and mouthguards.

Beginners can try it for a day and then receive credit toward a season pass, which is \$42. An eight-week pass is \$20 and the drop-in fee is \$5 per time. This is an adult program.

Obtain your season or eight-week pass at the Dana Recreation Center, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday's Results

High School Golf
Division I Sectional at Manchester
High School Tennis
See playoff pairings
High School Lacrosse
See playoff pairings
Adult Softball
Men's A: Jilly's 25, Ollie's 10
Men's B: Renegades 15, Ollie's B 3
Men's C: Feds 14, C.J.'s 12
Men's D: Buccaneers 16, Ranch Sugars 3
Women's A: Jilly's 14, Tapa's 9
Women's B: J&J/Palms 22, Cops 19
Women's C: Jilly's B 7, COP Electric 3

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Skate Park Opens Up for the Season

Zero Gravity Skate Park, at Giorgetti Park, will open Friday, May 1. To celebrate the season opener, Friday is a free skate date for everyone from 3 to 9 p.m.

Zero Gravity offers the largest, "sickest" street course in New England, with a wide variety of flexible rails, jumps and grinds.

The park also features new mini ramps, a 24-foot (two-level) quarter pipe, a redesigned half pipe and a foam pit to launch into. Still available from last season at Zero Gravity are two curved walls, a giant pyramid, death box, G box and a tombstone wall-ride.

The park is open for the season from May 1 through Oct. 25.

School hours are Wednesday through Friday from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday from noon to 9 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Summer hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from noon to 9 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

Lessons, clinics, camps and special events will be offered.

Volleyball, Anyone

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department has reserved Tuesday evenings from May 13 through mid-September at 6 p.m. at Msgr. Connor Park for pick-up volleyball games. This is an open program with no charge.

Park Dedication Activities Planned

There will be a grand opening celebration of the Justin Thomas Memorial Park Sunday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The park, on Madison Street, has been rehabilitated and renamed.

The celebration will include free hot dogs, ice cream and soda. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for noon, Ronald McDonald will be on hand at 1 p.m. and a bike give-away is set for 2 p.m. McGruff the Crime Dog and Sparky the Dog also will be present.

AARP

The AARP will meet Wednesday, May 13, at 2:30 p.m. at Godnick Senior Center, Deer Street, Rutland. A potluck dinner will be served. Please bring a casserole or dessert, and a place setting for yourself.

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League
Rutland Fuel 10, IAFF's Winning pitcher: Vic Shappy; Hitting stars: Ricky Fredette, home run: John Cioffi, triple and Jackie Sarault double.

Skater in Paradise



Jason Johnston completes a "fackey flip" during a free day of skating at the Zero Gravity Skate Park in Rutland on Friday.

Staff Photo by Christian Widesawake

Sports Scan

Adult In-Line

Zero Gravity Park and the Rutland Recreation Department offers adult in-line skating clinics from June 2-Aug. 25. The clinics will take place on Tuesday nights from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. for 13 weeks. They are offered for adults aged 18 and older, from beginners to experts, at a cost of \$10 per session or \$90 for the full course. Registration will take place at Zero Gravity Park and the Dana Recreation Center.

Benefit Softball

The sixth annual Hannaford Softball Tournament to benefit the United Way of Rutland will be held June 13-14 at the J. Fred Carbine and Max Fineberg fields. The cost of the tournament is \$100 per team with the first 12 teams accepted. The tournament is for class C and D league teams. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams and T-shirts will be given to the top team. The double-elimination event will also include a home-run derby. Please contact Rupert or Bob at 775-8900 by June 6 for more information.

Senior Games

The Rutland Regional Senior Games will be held on Wednesday, May 13. The Games are hosted by the Rutland Recreation Department and the Godnick Adult Center.

The schedule:

- 8:30 a.m.: Registration, coffee and opening ceremony at the Godnick Adult Center.
 - 9 a.m.: Track and field competition at the track at Alumni Field on Woodstock Avenue. This will include 100 meter, 200 meter, 800 meter, 1500 meter and medley relay. The long jump, high jump, discus, shot put and javelin.
 - 9:30 a.m.: Croquet, shuffleboard, table tennis and pool at the Godnick Center.
 - 11:30 a.m.: Precision walk.
 - Noon: Barbecue and awards at Godnick Center.
 - 1:30 p.m.: Softball, T-Ball, and Frisbee for distance and accuracy. Golf chipping at Cioffredi Park at Temple Street.
- The registration fee of \$8 includes the barbecue. Events may be by age groups or combined depending on the number of participants.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome. Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Bright City Night

Rutland, In conjunction with Memorial Day, a tribute to those who defended our country. Mayor Jeff Weinberg gives speech in Depot Park at 5 p.m. followed by members of both the Viet Nam Veterans Association and the Veterans Association, who relate stories of their experiences in fighting a war; musical entertainment in Depot Park, 5-9 p.m.

Adult Softball

- Men's A: Dart Mart 15, Farrell's 0
- Men's B: Reds 9, Olie's 17
- Men's C: Cripple Creek 15, Phillips & Sons 3
- Men's D: American Legion 23, Outsiders 14
- Women's A: Vipers 13, Wayne's 7
- Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine 21, Courcelle's 13

Wednesday's Events

- High School Golf Division I Sectional at Manchester
- Adult Softball
- Men's A: Olie's vs. Kohn's II/Jilly's, MF
- Men's B: Olie's B vs. Renegades, MS, 6:30 p.m.
- Men's C: Feds vs. CJ's, JFC
- Men's D: Buccaneers vs. Ranch Sluggers, MS, 7:45 p.m.
- Women's A: Tapa's vs. Jilly's, Gio
- Women's B: Cotrup's vs. J&J Palms, NE
- Women's C: Jilly's B vs. CDP Electric, MN

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 59 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.



Joseph King, 16, is arrested for disorderly conduct and given a notice of trespass at Depot Park on Tuesday. He had protested the arrest of two friends, using foul language, police said.

Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

Depot Park Fills With Police; Three Youths Arrested, Cited

By CHRISTINE CUPAIUOLO
Herald Staff

Vermont State Police, Rutland County Sheriff's Department and Rutland City Police Department converged on the Wal-Mart shopping center Tuesday after a city officer asked for help dealing with three males who were told to stay away from the area.

As about 20 youths — most of them teenagers and some in their early 20s — looked on, the three males were handcuffed and taken to the city police station. The youths protested the arrests, and said that police routinely harass teenagers in Depot Park.

"It's summertime — where are we supposed to go?" one young woman said. All of the witnesses refused to give their names.

According to city Officer Gary Tobin, police charged A.J. Huntington, 18, with unlawful trespass and Shawn Pratt, 21, with unlawful trespass and resisting arrest.

Both had been issued notices of trespass earlier in the day ordering them to stay away from the shopping center and Depot Park, but later returned.

Police also arrested Joseph King, 16,

for disorderly conduct and gave him a notice of trespass. King was arrested after he protested his friends' arrest and used foul language, Tobin said.

After King was released, he said that he and his friends were only trying to catch The Bus to go to the Diamond Run Mall. The Bus stops near Wal-Mart.

Tobin, who is the department's full-time school officer, disputed that claim.

"They were not going to get on The Bus. That's an absolute lie. This isn't a once-in-awhile thing. This is a group of individuals hanging out every day," Tobin said.

He added that when several buses came and went earlier in the day, the youths did not get on any of them.

"It's private property there. These folks do not understand that. People from Wal-Mart say it's driving customers away," Tobin said.

The teenagers who were at Depot Park and witnessed the arrests said they were tired of being watched by police. Several said that while a few teenagers show no respect for the park or

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Arrests

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its visitors, most of them try to keep the park clean and discourage others from becoming a nuisance.

"As far as they're concerned, we're all gang members. We're all punks," King said.

Tobin said that while he recognizes that most of the youths are not doing anything wrong, the park and the adjacent parking area have attracted drug dealers and vandals.

"I know there are only a few who are doing that. We're attempting to try

to limit their access to those areas. That's what we did today. We'll limit people who are going to be troublemakers and we invite (youths who want to enjoy the park) to go down there," said Tobin, who will become the downtown beat officer for the department once school is done.

Rutland City Police Sgt. Richard Fitzsimmons said additional law enforcement officers responded to Tobin's call for assistance after hearing it on the police radio.

She's Game



Harmony Harmon of Woodstock has fun competing in the Senior Games on Wednesday in Rutland. (Another photo, Page 25.)

Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Park Dedication Activities Planned

There will be a grand opening celebration of the Justin Thomas Memorial Park Sunday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The park, on Madison Street, has been rehabilitated and renamed.

The celebration will include free hot dogs, ice cream and soda. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for noon. Ronald McDonald will be on hand at 1 p.m. and a bike give-away is set for 2 p.m. McGruff the Crime Dog and Sparky the Dog will be present.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Neighbors Say Noise Is Far From Zero at 'Zero Gravity'

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

Zero Gravity skate park in Rutland has been open for less than a week, but noise complaints from neighbors already are rolling in.

Rutland City Board of Aldermen agreed at a meeting Monday night to allow City Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin to spend up to \$1,400 to hire a sound engineer to study the problem.

The skate park, operated jointly by the city and private owners, opened Friday for its third season at Giorgetti Park.

In response to noise complaints last year, the layout of the skate park was changed and wind screens were installed before this season.

David Schauwecker, a resident of Oak Street Extension, which is adjacent to the park, says those steps haven't helped.

"Saturday evening it was pretty bad. I would say almost as bad as it gets," he told the board Monday night.

The skateboarders are obviously making the loudest noise," Schauwecker said. "They go over the jump, lose the board and then they slam

down on the concrete."

Alderman Christopher Louras, city Recreation Committee chairman, recommended allowing Dahlin to use \$1,400 from next year's budget for "sound engineering."

"I think we need to tackle this issue now," Louras said.

Schauwecker agreed. "This is my third season of putting up with it and I'm getting pretty desperate," he said.

Louras told the board he went to the skate park Friday evening after receiving complaints from residents about the noise.

"It's not the Rollerblades, but the skateboards slapping on the ground when they do their tricks," Louras said. "They tried to reconfigure the equipment there to reduce the noise but it didn't work."

Alderman Kevin Jones said the city needed to heed the complaints of the neighbors.

"One of the reasons we need to take care of the problems with the neighbors is that in the years before Zero Gravity, Giorgetti was basically chained up for the summer," he said. "Now we're making use of it."

In addition, Louras said, the added use of the park has had another benefit.

"Now that there's activity there, vandalism has dropped," he said. "It's an investment for the city."

Expert Opinion

◆ City will hire sound engineer to study noise problem at Rutland's skate park.



Staff Photo by Christian Widenawake

Joe Gaudenti, 24, of Redbank, N.J., soars through the air into the foam pit at Zero Gravity Skate Park in Rutland.

Wait... Wait...



Ryan Bellomo shows good concentration and form as he waits to crush a fat pitch at Giorgetti Park in Rutland on Wednesday. His father, Kevin, is varsity baseball coach at Rutland High.

Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Bright City Night

Rutland, The "good old days" will be featured in downtown Rutland celebration, 5-9 p.m.; Kinney Motors shows 1998 Volkswagen Beetle at WalMart parking lot; antique show from Conway's Antiques and Decor at The Opera House; The Monitors perform in Depot Park; sing-a-long in Center Street Alley at 7:30 p.m.

In-Line Skating

Rutland, Zero Gravity Skate Park and The Aggressive Skaters Association's amateur circuit holds an In-Line Regional qualifying competition, registration begins at 8 a.m., Street Jam's Preliminary Round begins at 9:30 a.m., \$35 registration fee, all welcome, beginner, intermediate and expert.

In-Line Skating

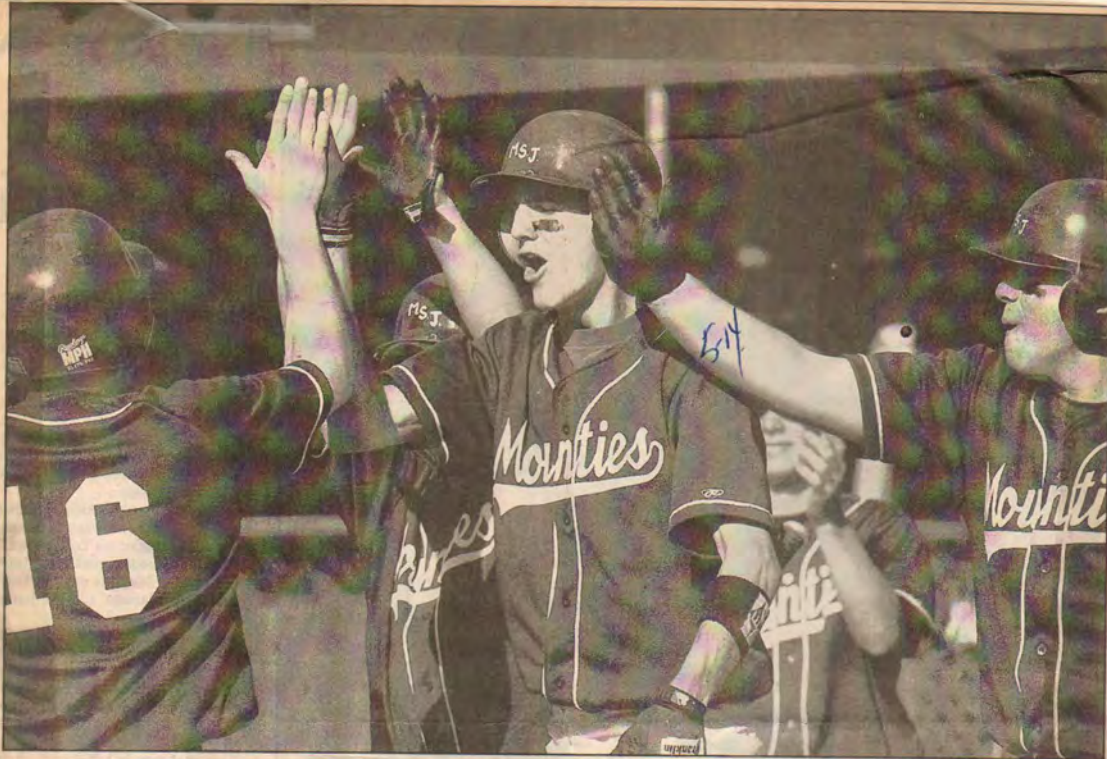
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Park Dedication

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Mount St. Joseph's Josh Polgar (16) is congratulated by teammates after hitting a home run during Wednesday's MSJ-Rutland game at Giorgetti Park. Staff photo by Albert J. Marro

Park Dedication

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Staff Photo by Margo Smith

A large crowd celebrates the renaming and rededication of Madison Street Park Sunday. The park, now known as Justin Thomas Memorial Park, has been transformed, thanks to the efforts of Roy and Michele Thomas and volunteers. The family chose to refurbish the park in memory of Justin Thomas, who died last May of meningitis at age 2 1/2.

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THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland. Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland. Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7-15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

Today

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THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland. All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Justin's Park

Young Boy's Memory Lives At Renamed, Renovated Park

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

Roy and Michele Thomas have been spending a lot of time at the playground lately.

For the past year, the Rutland couple has been busy raising money, picking out slides and rides and organizing volunteers to revitalize a Rutland City park in memory of their 2 1/2 year old son.

Justin Thomas died May 20, 1997, of meningitis while the family was vacationing in Atlanta, Ga.

On Sunday at 11 a.m., Madison Street Park will be dedicated in his memory and renamed the Justin Thomas Memorial Park.

"Hopefully, this will be a place where families can come and create some good memories for themselves and their kids," Michele Thomas said.

"Whether it's 10 or 15 minutes, we want families to come down and enjoy time together. Because you never know what can happen. You have to live for today. We know that."

For the past week, the couple has been at the park along with other family members and volunteers.



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinshes

The grand opening for the renamed and renovated Justin Thomas Memorial Park on Madison Street is planned for 11 a.m. Sunday. Volunteers working on the park this week included Justin's parents, Roy and Michele Thomas (far left and far right) and Sheri Blake, Howard Stickney and Neil Blake (left to right in the middle).

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Park

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They've been setting up the play sets, swings, benches, picnic tables and benches. They've planted trees, grass and flowers.

They put up a large plastic panel on the playground set showing a picture of Justin Thomas playing with blocks.

And a new wooden sign at the park in his memory will be unveiled at the dedication ceremony Sunday.

There's also a nearly 2,000-brick walkway through the park. Many of the bricks have messages in their son's memory.

"I miss you Justin, Love Tickle Monster," reads one.

"I love you Justin, Love Kay-Kay," reads another from Justin's sister, Kayla, 5.

Earlier this week, Gov. Howard Dean came to the park to place a brick in the walkway and lend his support. After placing his brick in the walkway, he was handed another one from Roy Thomas.

The inscription on that brick read, "President Howard Dean."

"You can put this one in when you come back," Thomas said.

"You must have been part of the 28 percent who thought it was a good idea," Dean said jokingly, referring to a poll that came out at the time he was weighing a presidential bid.

"We can always add the word 'vice,'" a volunteer shouted out.

Dean said he first learned of the project while speaking at an event in Rutland. "Roy told me about the project and I thought it sounded wonderful," the governor said. "It's just unbelievable what they did."

City Parks and Recreation Super-

intendent Leif Dahlin agrees.

"They left almost no brick unturned in their quest to build Justin's park," Dahlin said. "They've climb Mount Everest. It's come to fruition."

Many others have also visited the park to lend a hand and there were several donations, such as plywood and landscaping, by local companies.

But Roy and Michele Thomas, along with Kayla, have been there each day this week.

People attending the dedication ceremony Sunday will enter the park through a tent decorated with photos of the family and snapshots from fund-raisers. Information will also be provided about meningitis.

"They'll walk through and see the beginning of our story and by the time they reach the end they'll see the park, the finished product," he said. "A lot of people know bits and pieces, but we want them to see the whole story."

Taking a short break under the shade of a newly built gazebo in a corner of the park, Roy and Michele Thomas say raising the roughly \$30,000 it took to fix up the park was not easy.

But, they said, they had a special helper.

"Justin's spirit is always with us," Roy Thomas said.

And, they hope others find that same spirit at the park.

"Justin had a way of touching people's hearts and I believe that's still happening through this park," Michele Thomas said.

"Hopefully, if other people come here and they've had trouble in their life, they can come and see there is another side to a tragedy," Roy Thomas added.

Hoop Camps

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor basketball camps for boys in grades 5-8 and 9-12 during the last two weeks in June.

Green Mountain men's basketball coach Matt Dempsey is the director of the camps that will offer something for players of all abilities. For more information, call the Rec Department at 773-1822.

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Lunch, Craft Class At Godnick Center

There will be a special lunch and class at the Godnick Adult Center Friday, May 29. The craft class — faux marbleizing — will begin at 11 a.m., with lunch to follow at noon.

The luncheon menu includes chicken teriyaki, rice with vegetables, oriental vegetables, wheat bread and ice cream with hot fudge sauce.

You can attend both the class and the luncheon for \$6, or the craft class only for \$5.

Lunch only is \$2.75 for those 60 years and older, \$4 for those under 60. Please sign up at the Godnick Center or call 775-0133 by May 27.

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Rec Dept. Offering Jump Rope Classes

Under the direction of Gary Meitroff, the Rutland Recreation Department will offer a course in short and long rope jumping.

These classes will take you from the basics to windmills, figure eights, swing-wrap and leg over-pass.

Ages 7-10 will meet on Wednesdays for four weeks beginning June 10 from 4 to 5:15 p.m.; and ages 11-15 will meet Saturdays for four weeks beginning June 6, from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m.

Classes are held in the Dana Recreation Center gym. The fee is \$18 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

Please register at the Dana Recreation Center, located at 39 East Center St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Softball Tournament

The sixth annual Hannaford softball tournament to benefit the United Way of Rutland County will be held the weekend of June 13 and 14 at the J. Fred Carbine and Max Fineberg Fields at Northeast School.

The cost of the double-elimination tournament is \$100 per team and is limited to the first 12 'C' and 'D' teams to register. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams with tee shirts for the winners. There will also be a home run derby.

Please contact Rupert or Bob at 775-8900 by June 6 for more information.

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to door, seeking antiques. Police advised the individuals to obtain a license prior to continuing this activity.

Police are warning area residents that allowing strangers into their homes can often lead to criminal activity. Police advise antique sellers to visit area antique shops rather than interact with itinerant dealers.

River Byway Workshop Today



Rutland Recreation Summer Programs

Rutland Recreation and Parks Department has announced its summer course and camp offerings. Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adult In-Line: Zero Gravity, in conjunction with the Rutland Recreation Department, is offering Adult In-Line Tuesday evenings from June 2 through Aug. 25. There will be a warm-up at 6 p.m., followed by instruction from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and a cool-down period from 8:30 to 9 p.m.

All ability levels will be taught, from basic to advanced skill. Instruction starts with how to stop and turn, and proceeds until each student can go for a group street skate with confidence.

Fees are \$95 for residents, \$102 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will be given through May 26. Participants may also opt for a single evening at \$10 per session.

Adult Stretching for Health: Zero Gravity and the rec department team up to offer Adult Stretching for Health Tuesdays, June 2 - Aug. 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Zero Gravity Skate Park. The instructor is Dave Goodspeed.

The goal is to introduce proper stretching techniques and understand how it affects your body and mind. Various forms of stretching will be experienced. Relaxation, invigoration and mental focus will be taught.

Fees are \$50 for residents, \$57 for non-residents. Drop-in fee is \$5 an evening. A \$5 discount will be given through May 26.

Summer Tai Chi: There will be two sessions of Summer Tai Chi at the Dana Recreation Center. Session I is June 2 through Aug. 27. The series of 12 classes are held both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Participants will learn the Yang style of Tai Chi under instructors Robert Chandler and Eugene Gyor.

Students will learn postures and practice the principles to ultimately begin to "push hands," allowing the students to utilize what they have learned. Resident fee is \$35, non-resident fee is \$42. A \$5 discount is given for Session I through May 26 and for Session II through July 17.

Advanced Joy Jumping: Gary Mellett leads the way for Advanced Joy Jumping Wednesdays, June 10-July 1, for ages 7 to 10. There are four classes, from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Older students, ages 11 to 15 will meet Saturdays, June 6 - 27, from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m.

Fees are \$18 for residents, \$25 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will be given through May 29. Participants need a good understanding of rope jumping for this class which will feature side straddle, scissors, front straddle, toe touches, heel touches, cross steps and front cross. Low-impact techniques will include forearm wrap, matador whirl, samurai whirl and waist wrap.

Rutland City Swim Team: The department again will sponsor a swim team at White's Pool. The program is for swimmers of all abilities (beginning at age 5) who are able to swim 25 yards unassisted. Those who practice regularly will swim in meets.

Meets will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings and some Saturdays. Practices for 11- to 18-year-olds will be Monday through Friday, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and for ages 5 to 10 from 8:50 to 9:15 a.m.

Parent participation is a must for this program's operation and success. The fee for residents is \$35, \$42 for non-residents.

Boys' Basketball Camps: Matt Dempsey, Green Mountain College's men's basketball coach, will direct the boys' basketball camps. The camp for boys entering grades 7 and 8 will be held Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Keefe gym. Boys entering grades 9 - 12 will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rutland High School. Both camps run June 15-19.

Boys entering grades 5 and 6 will meet at Keefe gym, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 22-26. Camp fee is \$74 for residents, \$81 for non-residents. There is a \$10 lab fee. A \$5 discount will be given through May 22 for the camp beginning June 15, and through May 29 for the camp beginning June 22. The \$10 lab fee for the ball is optional.

Family Climbing Excursion: Michael Valente will lead an excursion to the Falls of Lana in Brandon. This is designed for

21, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The second is on Saturday, July 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The fee per excursion is \$30 for residents, \$37 for non-residents. Participants must be at least 12 years old. A \$5 discount will be given through June 12 for the first trip and July 10 for the second. A rec department van will transport participants.

Summer Aquatics at White's Pool: Swimming lesson will be offered at White's Pool in four two-week sessions will be offered: June 22-July 3, July 6-17, July 20-31 and Aug. 3-14.

Levels offered will be for Water Babies (6 to 18 months), Aquatots (18 to 36 months), Preschoolers and Red Cross Levels 1-7. A class description of each level is described in the department's summer brochure.

Diving Class: will be offered June 22-July 3, Monday through Friday, from 9 to 9:45 a.m. The class is designed for the beginner level. Participants will learn how to work on line tuning form and techniques. The fee is \$10 for city residents, \$17 for non-residents.

Summer Day Camps: Camp Danmore is offered for grades 1-3, Camp Pine Hill for grades 4-6. Campers may register for all or one of the four sessions offered. This year each session will have a theme which will be followed throughout the session.

Session I: "Surf and Turf," June 22-July 3; Session II: "Night Skies and Tribal Traditions," July 17; Session III: "No Passport Required," July 20-31; Session IV: "Come One, Come All," Aug. 3-14.

The camps are open to residents and non-residents. Regular camp hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, with extended hours offered at an additional cost. Stop by the recreation office for a brochure.

Learning to In-Line Camp: Zero Gravity Skate Park, in cooperation with the rec department, will offer two sessions of "Learning to In-Line Camps," for ages 5 to 15. The camp will offer multi-sport diversity by doing five different sports on in-line skates in five days.

Monday will be basic skating, Tuesday will be cross country, Wednesday features street hockey, downhill skiing is on tap for Thursday and Friday will be skateboarding. Safety equipment is a must. David Goodspeed is camp director.

Session I is June 22-26 and Session II is Aug. 10-14. Both sessions are from 9 a.m. to noon. The fee for residents is \$55, \$62 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will be given through June 15 for Session I and through Aug. 3 for Session II.

Creative Playground: The rec department's winter preschool teachers will direct the summer Creative Playground program at the Rotary Field House. Two sessions will be offered for children age 3 through 5. Participants must be 3 at the time of registration and be toilet trained. This is a full morning of activities that includes games, songs, storytelling, arts and crafts, show and tell, and "playing" in the park. Snacks are provided.

Session I is June 22-July 3, Session II is July 6-17. Both sessions are from 9 a.m. to noon. Fees are \$59 for residents, \$66 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will be given through June 12 for Session I, and through June 26 for Session II. An extended hour, from 8 to 9 a.m. is available for an additional \$20. Instructors are Jane Brown, a certified teacher, and Joan McIntosh, a nurse.

Women's Summer Basketball League The rec department is on the process of forming its Summer Women's Basketball League, open to area teams from seventh grade through adult women. We are trying to form two divisions this year, Section A for high school and adult teams, Section B for grades 7-9. Contact the recreation department for a roster packet.

Don't wait to sign up because there will be a limited number of teams per division. Fees for resident teams are \$250, \$285 for non-resident teams. A \$25 discount will be given through May 29. The deadline to sign up is June 5. Games will be scheduled Mondays, Wednesdays and possibly Fridays, from 5 to 10 p.m. Steve Marro will be the commissioner. Games will be played at the Leo F. Keefe gym.

Tennis Camp: A new Summer Tennis Camp will be under the direction of Richard Lorenzo, a professional instructor. The camp will run from June 15 through July 19, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesdays

be given through June 5.

Mountain Bike Camp: Zero Gravity and the rec department team up to offer Mountain Bike Camp Monday through Friday, July 7-10, at Giorgetti Park. David Goodspeed is the director. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to noon and it's open to students ages 6 to 16. Resident fees are \$55, non-resident fees are \$62. A \$5 discount will be given if you register by June 29.

This camp will be a hands-on-the-handlebar experience. Safe mountain biking requires correct technique and a thorough understanding of how you and your bike interact.

Skateboarding 101 Camp: Zero Gravity and the Recreation Department will offer Skateboarding 101 Camp at Zero Gravity Skate Park Monday through Friday, July 6-10, from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn all aspects of skateboarding from streets to ramps, rails and half-pipe instruction. Fees are \$55 for residents, \$62 for non-residents, with a \$5 discount if you register by June 29.

Girls' Basketball Camps: Dan McGraw, the head women's coach at the College of St. Joseph, will direct the Girls' Basketball Camps. Session I is for girls entering grades 7 and 8 and those going into grades 9-12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 13-17, at the Leo F. Keefe gym. The fee is \$72 for residents, \$79 for non-residents, with an optional \$10 lab fee for a basketball. A \$5 discount will be given through June 19.

Session II is for girls entering grades 4-6, from 9 a.m. to noon, July 20-24, at the Leo F. Keefe gym. The fee is \$44 for residents, \$51 for non-residents, with an optional \$10 basketball fee. A \$5 discount will be offered through June 26.

Soccer Camp: Students ages 7-10 and 11-14 may participate in a soccer camp Monday through Friday, July 13-17, at the Rutland High School Alumni Field/gym. Camp hours are from 9 a.m. to noon. Rich Alberti is the director, with assistance from Mike Kinsler.

Participants will work on individual techniques, as well as small group instruction, six-on-six games and full side matches. Fees are \$53 for residents, \$60 for non-residents. A \$10 lab fee for a ball is optional. A \$5 discount will be given before June 19.

In-Line Hockey Camp: Learn in-line hockey skills July 13-17, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Zero Gravity Skate Park. The camp, for ages 5-18, will help increase basic skills of skating and stick handling in a fun, cross-training approach. Hockey skills of passing, shooting and stick-handling will be emphasized. Fees are \$55 for residents, \$62 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will be offered through June 26.

Flag Football Camp: Students entering grades 5-8 may participate in Flag Football Camp July 20-24, from 9 a.m. to noon, July 20-24 at Flaitz Field/Rutland Intermediate School gym. The camp is under the direction of Mike Norman, Rutland High School coach.

Participants will learn the fundamentals of football, and receive instruction in offensive and defensive tactics. Fees are \$53 for residents, \$60 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will be given through June 26.

Extreme Elite In-Line Camp Level III Zero Gravity Skate Park will be the site to learn the most advanced, extreme in-line techniques in a safe and structured format. Participants must be at least 10 years old. The camp runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Aug. 3-7. Instruction in advanced tricks, jumps, grinds and half-pipe, with attention placed on skills, balance and style. Fees are \$72 for residents, \$79 for non-residents, with a \$5 discount before July 27.

Safety City: Children ages 4 and 5 (toilet trained) may sign up for Safety City to learn positive "safety behaviors" through classroom and hands-on involvement. The program will run Monday-Friday, July 20-31, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Rotary Field House. Preschool teachers Jane Brown and Joan McIntosh will oversee the program. Role-playing and actual life situations are components of the program. Fees are \$42 for residents, \$49 for non-residents, with a \$5 discount given through July 10.

Skateboard Extreme Camp: An advanced camp for serious skaters, Skateboard Extreme Camp is for skaters age 10 and older who wish to take their sport to the next level. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., July 27-31. Fees are \$67 for residents, \$74 for non-residents, with a \$5 discount through July 20.

Pre-Season Soccer Camp: Mike

Rutland City Softball
Men's A: Carey's Auto 14, Keith's N.J. 12
Men's B: Midea/Mr. C's 15, Olie's B' 0
Men's C: Cass's Pub Pounders 23, C.J.'s Commercial Tire 9
Men's C: Cripple Creek 16, Tylers' Team 3
Women's A: Tappa's 9, Wayne's Body Shop 8

Tuesday's Games
Men's A: Dart Mart vs. KC's Tavern, JFC
Men's B: Magoo's vs. C.J.'s, MF
Men's C: Outsiders vs. Shucker's Oyster Bar, MN
Women's A: Jilly's vs. C.J.'s, MS, 6:30
Women's B: Cotrup's Builders vs. Parker's Classic Auto, MS, 7:45
Women's C: CDP Electric vs. Jilly's A', MS, 8:30 p.m.

Girls Tennis
Hartford 6, Fair Haven 1
Singles
1. Kim Keller (F) def. Kristin Hyra 5-7, 6-2, 6-1, 2. Becky Poissant (H) def. Sarah Williams 6-0, 6-2
3. Christy Remmy (H) def. Jaime Proctor 6-1, 6-2
4. Emily Foote (H) def. Sara Malkin 6-2, 6-2
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Track and Field Camp: Six- to 14-year-olds are welcome to sign up for Track and Field Camp at the Alumni Track at Rutland High School. The program, under the direction of Greg McClairen, will run for two weeks, Monday through Friday, June 29-July 10, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Fees are \$45 for residents, \$52 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will be given through June 12.

Baseball Camp: Stan Blicharz will be the director of this summer's Baseball Camp, with assistance from Kevin Bellomo. The camp, held at Monsignor Connor Park, will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 6-9.

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PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ROTARY PARK

Registration: \$13 on or before May 29, 1998. \$15 thereafter.

Tee shirts to first 75 registered participants.

Day of registration will take place at ALBANK, Merchants Row, Rutland, 6:30-8:00 A.M. The race will start promptly at 8:30 A.M. near the park at Vermont Marble in Proctor. No registration or packet pickup at the start in Proctor.

Awards to overall and first place age groups as follows:

(male and female): 19 and under; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-plus.

Wheelchair Division: Starts on Rte. 3 near the David Dickinson Farm.

Ends at the common finish line on Merchants Row in front of ALBANK.

Fill out and return to Rutland Recreation & Parks Department, 39 East Center St., Rutland, VT 05701. Call 773-1822 for more info.

Last Name _____
First Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Age on Day of Race: (6/7/98) _____
Tee Shirt Size (check one) ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large
5-K Wheelchair Division? ☐ Yes

Informed Consent/Waiver

I, _____, know that participating in the Crowley Brothers Memorial 10-K or 5-K road race on June 7, 1998, is a potentially hazardous activity. I acknowledge that I am medically and physically capable to run or wheel my wheelchair in this race and that I have trained for this race. I also know that there will be traffic on the course, and assume the risk of running in traffic. I also assume any and all of the other risks associated with running/wheelchairing in this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity and the condition of the road all such risks being known and appreciated by me.

Knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry fee, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive, release and discharge Rutland City Rotary Club, the City of Rutland, the Town of Rutland, the Town of Proctor, the State of Vermont, all sponsors, race officials and volunteers, including their agents, employees, assigns or anyone acting on their behalf, from any kind and all claims or liability for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of or in the course of my participation in this event. This informed consent and waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, (known or unknown, known or unknown).

I, the undersigned, further grant full permission for the use of any photographs, video tapes, motion pictures or any other recording of this event for any purpose. I also understand that the race director has the right to shorten the course or cancel the event if, in his/her judgment, environmental conditions become treacherous. No refunds will be given. The race director reserves the right to reject any entry.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's/Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____

HISTORY: This race started with a challenge by Frank Crowley, a former Olympic marathoner from Rutland, to Clarence DeLoach, another marathoner. Who could run the fastest from Proctor to Rutland?

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Tuesday's Events

Softball
MSJ at Mill River, 4 p.m.
Rochester at Blue Mt., 4 p.m.
Burr & Burton at Arlington, 4 p.m.
Otter Valley at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.
Baseball
Rochester at Blue Mt., 4 p.m.
Proctor at Green Mountain, 4 p.m.
Otter Valley at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.
Springfield at Windsor, 4 p.m.
Whittingham at Leland & Gray, 4 p.m.

Adult Softball

Men's A: Farrell's Bud Light vs. Dart Mini Mart, MF, 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Reds vs. Otter's A, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Cripple Creek vs. Phillip's & Son, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: Outsiders vs. American Legion, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Women's A: Wayne's Body Shop vs. Vipers, Glo, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Coucelle's Flower Shop vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MN, 6:30 p.m.

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Senior Citizens

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will hold its regular meeting at the Godnick Senior Center Tuesday, May 26, at 2:30 p.m. A catered supper will be served at 4 p.m.

Kids' Fishing Derbies Are Coming

Here's an opportunity for young people to give fishing a try. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has released a list of upcoming fishing events, most of them intended just for kids.

The department has two programs designed to help young people learn about fishing. The "Kids' Brooks" program provides an opportunity for kids to fish in a well-stocked pond or stream, and the "Let's Go Fishing" program teaches fishing techniques, tackle craft, ethics and aquatic ecology and management.

Historically, the Kids' Brooks program has provided free fish to the children of the state for more than three decades. The program originally provided fish for derbies or posted kids' brooks (sections of stream posted for fishing only by children under license age). Now, some of the sponsored events include senior citizens and handicapped persons.

Organizers of these events are typically charitable, community, or non-profit groups, such as fire departments, fish and game clubs, Rotary, Lions, town recreation committees, 4-H clubs, and scouts. These organizations are the cornerstone of the Kids' Brooks program, and without their support this program would not exist. This year, 75 groups are involved with over 6,500 participants expected.

Most kids fishing derbies are open to the public, although they may be restricted to the town residents or to a particular group of individuals. From 150 to 300 fish are provided for each derby, depending on how many participants there were the previous year. Approximately 20,000 eight to ten-inch brook trout are stocked annually for these events by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

Kids' fishing derbies start in late April and continue through June. A list of derbies is available from the Fish & Wildlife office in Waterbury which can be reached by calling (802) 241-3700.

Area derby times and places follow:

- Ludlow, May 16, Black River Valley Rod & Gun Club, call Ronald Holm, (802) 773-7019
- Brandon, May 16, Neshobe Sportmen's Club, call E. Rhodes Wyman, (802) 247-6738
- Pittsfield, May 23, Pittsford Vol. Fire Dept., call John Barrows, (802) 746-8340
- Chittenden, May 23 (kids), Teenie's Tiny Farm, call Robert Bearor, (802) 773-2637
- Rutland, June 1, Vermont Achievement Center, call Brian McDermott, (802) 775-2395, (802) 235-2229
- Pittsford, June 3, Mendon Fish and Game Club, call Jeff Smith, (802) 773-7959, (802) 773-3772
- Castleton, June 7, Castleton Lions Club, call Norm Williams, (802) 265-8686
- Poultney, June 7, Poultney Fish and Game Club, call Daniel Foley, (802) 287-9501
- Chittenden (seniors), June 7, Teenie's Tiny Farm, call Robert Bearor, (802) 773-2637
- Rutland, June 13, Rutland Rec. and Parks Dept., E. Jay Bishop, (802) 773-1922
- West Rutland, June 13, West Rutland Rec. Dept., Susan Densmore, (802) 770-1042 or 438-2884

Adult Softball

Men's A: Dart Mini vs. Carey's Auto, 7:45 MS
Men's B: Mucks vs. 3D's, Glo
Men's C: Cass' Pub vs. 3D's, MS 8:45
Men's D: Outsiders vs. BVAC, MF
Women's A: Vipers vs. C.J.'s, JFC
Women's B: Uncle Sam's vs. Merged MN
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine vs. Jilly's, NE

MR Softball 6-1

CLARENDON - The Mill River football team will hold a softball tournament to benefit the team June 6-7 at Max Fineberg Field in Rutland. The entry fee for the open, double-elimination tournament is \$125. There will be a home run derby. The entry deadline is June 3. To register, call Cheryl Maniery at 773-6566.



Don Ramey, a West Rutland stone carver, works on a large marble monument to honor veterans of the Vietnam War. His finished piece will be part of a larger memorial planned for completion later this year in Rutland City's Main Street Park.

Staff Photo by Margo Smith

Veterans Memorialized in Marble

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

Don Ramey did not serve in the Vietnam War, but his work will be a reminder of those who did.

Ramey, a West Rutland stone carver, has been working on a large marble monument to honor veterans of the Vietnam War.

The piece will be part of a larger memorial planned for completion later this year in Main Street Park in Rutland City. The local chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America has raised more than \$15,000 for project.

The white marble piece had been stored

at The Carving Studio in West Rutland for several months while the veterans group looked for an inexpensive way to get it carved.

"One day when they were here looking at it I volunteered to help them. I told them I would do whatever they wanted," Ramey said.

"My father was a veteran. He served during Vietnam but he was never in Vietnam. He was in the Philippines. I feel a certain obligation to honor veterans, so I volunteered."

The 3-ton marble carving was started

more than 15 years ago by a local veteran who died before he had time to finish the piece.

The group wanted to use the stone, but weren't sure they could find someone to complete the work.

That's when Ramey stepped forward to volunteer his services.

A Buffalo, N.Y., native, the 39-year-old Ramey has a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the Cleveland Institute of Art and has also received training in stone carving in

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Garden Event This Weekend

Join the Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts for the Third Annual Garden in the Park on June 6 and 7, in Main Street Park, Rutland. The hours for this celebration of artistry in the garden are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There's something for everyone at this Garden Exposition with live entertainment, free activities for children, an outdoor café, demonstrations, featured speakers, and a Garden Rooms competition.

There will also be exhibitions with a variety of gardening items and garden-related crafts such as: hickory loveseats, rockers, wood ironing boards, gazebo, clay vases and mugs, flowers and plants, orchids, jewelry, garden gates, trellis, plant pot holders and hangers, wooden buildings and signs, certified organic bedding plants and vegetable starts, hanging baskets, steam bent planters and baskets, birdhouses and feeders and more.

Featured speakers on Saturday, June 6 will be: 11 a.m., "Cooking With Herbs," by Polly Hanes of Meadowsweet Herb Farm; 1 p.m., "Water Gardens," with Mr. Twitters; 2 p.m., "Keep Your Garden Bug-Free Using Natural Methods," with Judith Hall of Stratton Meadow Greenhouse.

Sunday, June 7, Mary Sautter, landscape designer of Gardens of the Hearts, will present a program at 12:30 p.m., "Rose Growing in Vermont."

A \$1 donation at the door is requested. There will be lots of daily door prize drawings with one "Getaway" given away each day. Getaways will include the Summit Lodge and the Killington Grand Hotel.

For more information, call the Chaffee at 775-0356.

Stretching

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor a series of stretching classes for adults at Zero Gravity Park on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. through Aug. 25.

The fee is \$45 for the entire course or \$5 per session. The course is for those aged 16 and up. Loose, warm clothing is recommended, as well as a mat, blanket or beach towel. Registration takes place at the Dana Recreation Center or at Zero Gravity Park on Sundays between 3 p.m.-9 p.m.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

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Bright City Night

Rutland, Downtown Rutland's Bright City Night features a teen dance in Depot Park sponsored by Cripple Creek and Two Hype Productions, but all ages invited, 5-9 p.m.

Thursday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Ollie's B vs. Lindholm's, 6:45 p.m.
Men's B: Reds vs. Mago's, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's C: Jilly's vs. Feds, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: Two She's vs. Pizza Delight, MF
Women's B: J&J/Palms vs. Renegades, MN

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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Garden in the Park

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Marble

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France.

He first came to West Rutland in 1988 and moved to the town in 1990.

"It's a great place to carve, the resources here are unmatched," Ramey said of the Rutland region.

The stone for the memorial comes from a Danby quarry known for its marble, he said. The stone is more than 6 feet long and nearly 3 feet wide. It stands about 18 inches tall.

"This is kind of a difficult piece because there's some flint and quartz mixed together that makes it difficult to carve," he said. "But it hasn't been too bad."

The piece depicts a soldier lying at rest. The soldier is dressed in a uniform complete with a field helmet and military boots.

When Ramey started the sculpture, work had been started on the soldier's face and helmet. Ramey touched up those areas and the work is now nearly complete.

He's worked on the piece, located in the front yard of The Carving Studio, for the past five to six weeks, up to 30 hours a week depending on the light.

Carving details like wrinkles in the soldier's uniform is almost impossible when the sun is beating down on the white marble piece.

"Between three and six in the afternoon I get really good light," he said.

Typically, when making this type of

sculpture, Ramey said he makes a plaster model of the subject he intends to carve into stone. In this case, he decided to work without the plaster model.

One of the first steps, he said, was to have Steven Humphrey, manager of The Carving Studio, serve as a model. Humphrey lay next to the stone, dressed in a military shirt belonging to Ramey's father.

Ramey then sketched out the features of the soldier on the stone.

"I had a lot of training in anatomy and a lot of that I worked out in my head," he said. Ramey's been carving since. He estimated he has about three weeks left to go.

"Nothing on it is finished right now," he said. "It's a matter of refining and refining. I keep turning the hammer down a little finer and sharpening the chisel a little more."

The names of Rutland County residents killed during the war will also be engraved in the stone monument.

Rutland County residents killed during the Vietnam War include, Allen Archer, Fair Haven; Edward Birmingham, Rutland; Richard Dexter, Rutland; Joseph Fish, Rutland; Philip Greene, Poultney; Gary Hall, Cuttingsville; and Edward Henry, Clarendon.

Also, Bruce Morrison, Proctor; Steven Pettis, Fair Haven; Joseph Silva, Rutland; John Sweeney, East Poultney; David Underhill, Rutland; Kenneth Weightman, Wallingford; Dennis Wilber, Killington. John Bergeron, president of the local

Vietnam Veterans of America group, said it's possible the memorial at the park could be completed by Veterans Day in November, but they don't want to rush the project.

Plans call for the monument to be placed on a pedestal in the center of the memorial, with four benches around it.

Also, there will be display cases, similar to the ones in Depot Park, that will feature the names of Vietnam veterans from Rutland County, he said.

"The hardest part of the whole thing is getting the names of those who served," Bergeron said. "There's no definitive way to make sure we've got everyone."

The group decided on the display boxes instead of a plaque because if a name needs to be added it simply means putting a new list in the case, he said.

For the past year the group has been busy raising money for the project. In addition, several businesses have donated materials or offered them at cost.

Moving the sculpture into place, Ramey said, will be a difficult operation. The stone has a crack in the middle of one side that will require careful handling when taking the piece to the Rutland park.

"It will be a very delicate operation to get it up there," Ramey said.

But, once in place on its pedestal, he said, it will be fine.

"It should last a long, long time," he said.

Tuesday's Results

High School Tournaments
See playoff pairings
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's C: C's/Commercial Tire 13, C's 8
Men's D: Buccaneers 18, All Lines 6
Women's A: Jilly's 3, Wayne's 2
Women's C: CDP Electric 13, Courcelle's 10

Wednesday's Events

High School Tournaments
See playoff pairings
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Ollie's vs. KC's, MS, 7:45
Men's B: 3D's vs. Jilly's, Glo
Men's C: Phillips & Son vs. Tyler's, MS, 5:30 p.m.
Men's D: American Legion vs. Shuckers, 4MF
Women's A: Tapal's vs. Two Sheas, JFC
Women's B: BRP/Jilly's vs. Coltrips, 4MF
Women's C: Jilly's B vs. Ollie's Girls, NE

Friday's Results

Adult Softball
Men's C: Cripple Creek 12, Magoo's 11
Men's D: 3D's, C's/Commercial Tire 7
Men's E: C's/Timber's Edge 22, Ranch Sugars 2
Women's B: Uncle Sam's 6, Parker's 2
Youth Leagues
Rutland County Little League: Rutland Town Rangers 5, Rutland Town Giants 3. Winning pitcher: Bobby DeAngelis. Hitting stars: Nate Tanner, Mike Fredette, DeAngelis.
Sewards Ford 23, Mintzer Brothers 16. Hitting stars: Total Team Effort
Edson Raiders 15, Rutland Fuel 7. Winning pitcher: John Corbett. Hitting stars: team effort.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

775-9129

Garden in the Park

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Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League
Shearer Honda 31, Rutland Police Dept. 12 — Team effort, both tie ams.

Adult Softball

Men's B: Lindholm's 17, Ollie's B 5
Men's B: Magoo's 5, Reds 3 (8 innings)
Men's C: Jilly's 22, Feds 13
Men's D: Two Sheas 23, Pizza Delight 22
Women's B: J&J Palms 16, Renegades 2

Today's Games

Makeup: Parker's Classic Auto vs. Uncle Sam's Pub, JFC, 6:30 p.m.

Just Add Water



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinkas

Lifeguards Heather Polgar and Luke Barron spent Thursday afternoon scrubbing White Pool off Avenue B in Rutland in preparation for its opening in several weeks.

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Summer Recreation Programs

Clip & Save For Future Reference

Summer is finally here and along with it the summer program line-up by the Parks and Recreation Department. **You DO NOT need to be a Rutland resident to participate in these programs.**

Registration for all programs is on-going throughout the summer. Please call The Rutland Parks and Recreation Department for more information or to register at (802) 773-1822.

Discounts available for early registration. All open to residents and non-residents. Pick up a summer brochure with complete information at Dana Recreation Center, 39, East Center St. in Rutland.

MAY

- Women's Summer Basketball League, for ages 12 to adult. Deadline to sign up June 5.
- Rutland City Swim Team, White's Pool, for children ages 5 and up who can swim 25 yards. unassisted.
- Adult Roller Hockey at Giorgetti Rink, Mondays 6:30-9 p.m. starting May 11 through Oct. 19, mandatory safety equipment needed.
- Pick-Up Volleyball, 6 p.m., starting May 13, open to all, no charge.

JUNE

- Summer Tai Chi, June 2 thru July 19, 12 class series held Tues. and Thurs. evenings, times TBA.
- Adult In-Line, June 2 thru August 25, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., open to all levels.
- Adult Stretching for Health, June 2 thru August 25, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Advanced Joy Jumping, Weds. from June 10 thru July 1, 4-5:15 p.m. & Sats. from June 6 thru 27, 2:45-4:15 p.m. Different age groups apply to each session.
- Learning to In-Line Camp, June 22-26, ages 5-15, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Boys Basketball Camps, June 15-19 & June 22-26, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Family Climbing Excursion, June 20, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Open Climbing Excursion, June 21, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. & July 18, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Surf & Turf Day Camp, June 22 thru July 3, grades 1-6 welcome.
- Creative Playground for Pre-Schoolers, June 22 thru July 3, ages 3-5, 9 a.m. - noon.
- Summer Aquatics at White's Pool, June 22 thru July 3, water babies, aquatots, pre-schoolers, Red Cross levels 1-7.
- Tennis Camp, June 23 thru August 15, 3 separate age groupings.

In Line Skate Clinic

Rutland, Free in line skate clinic for all levels from complete beginner to advanced free style, all equipment included, 8:45 to 10 a.m., The Great Outdoors, 219 Woodstock Ave., 775-9889, every Saturday.

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Rutland Ballroom Dance Club holds dance at Dana Recreation Center all purpose room, 39 East Center St., 7-11 p.m., single and couples welcome, dress is business casual, members, \$5; non-members, \$8, 773-6971.

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

• Fishing Derby, June 27, 9 a.m. - noon. Children ages up to 13 years. Registration at 8:30 a.m. Free lunch buffet. Prizes within age groups.

• Track & Field Camp, June 29 thru July 10, Mon. thru Fri., Ages 6-14.

JULY

- Skate Boarding 101 Camp, July 6 thru 10, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Night Skies & Tribal Traditions Day Camp, July 6 thru 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., grades 1-6 welcome.
- Baseball Camp, July 6 thru 9, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 9 to 12 year olds welcome.
- Creative Playground for Pre-Schoolers, July 6 thru 17, ages 3 to 5, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Summer Aquatics at White's Pool, July 6 thru 17, water babies, aquatots, pre-schoolers, Red Cross levels 1-7.
- Mountain Bike Camp, July 7 thru 10, 9 a.m. - Noon, ages 6-16
- In-Line Hockey Camp, July 13-17, ages 5-18, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Soccer Camp, July 13-17, Mon. thru Fri., ages 7-14.
- Girls Basketball Camps, July 13 thru 17, grades 9-12, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Open Climbing Excursion, July 18 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Family Climbing Excursion, July 19, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Basketball Camps, July 20 thru 24, grades 9-12, 9 a.m. - Noon.
- In-Line Extreme Camp Level II, July 20-24, ages 8 and up, 8:30 a.m. to noon.
- No Passport Required Day Camp, July 20 thru 31, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., grades 1-6 welcome.
- Safety City (teaching kids safety behaviors), July 20 thru 31, Mon. thru Fri., 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., toilet-trained children ages 4 and 5 welcome.
- Flag Football Camp, July 20 thru 24, 9 a.m. to noon, for students going into grade 5 thru 8.
- Summer Tai Chi, July 21 thru August 27, 12 class series held Tues. and Thurs. evenings, times TBA.
- Diving Class, June 22 thru July 3, Mon. thru Fri. 9 a.m. - 9:45 p.m. Beginners only.
- Skate Board Extreme Camp, July 27 thru 31, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., advanced skaters only.

AUGUST

- Pre Season Soccer Camp, August 3-7, 4:15 to 8:15, for students going into grades 7-12.
- Extreme Elite In-Line Camp Level III, August 3 thru 7, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for ages 10 and up.
- Come One, Come All Day Camp, August 3 thru 14, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., grades 1-6 welcome.
- Summer Aquatics at White's Pool, August 3-14, water babies, aquatots, pre-schoolers, Red Cross levels 1-7.
- Learning to In-Line Camp, August 10 thru 14, ages 5-15, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Cross Training Adventure Camp, August 17-21, Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 a.m. - noon.



Monday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Farrell's Light 14, Carey's 13
Men's B: Ollie's A 11, Magoo's 8
Men's C: 3D's 13, Tyler's Team 7
Men's D: Ranch Sluggers 22, Shucker 12
Women's C: Courcelle's 15, Jilly's 14

Tuesday's Events

Tournament Semifinals

See playoff pairings
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Ollie's vs. Dart Mart, Gio
Men's B: Ollie's B vs. Jilly's, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's C: Cass Pub vs. C's, MF
Men's D: C's/Timber's Edge vs. All Lines, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's D: Two Sheas vs. VAC, MN
Women's B: J&J/Palms vs. Minterz Brothers, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Women's C: Jilly's B vs. Ryan, Smith Carbine, JFC

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League
Eagles 4, Kwanis 3. Winning pitcher: Greg McLaughlin. Hitting stars: Jason Delpha and Kyle Tricoll.
Town & Country Little League
Yankees 4, Red Sox 0. Winning pitcher: Bryan Gee. Hitting stars: Gee, Brandon Schultz, Brook Jordan.

Tuesday's Results

Tournament Semifinals

See playoff pairings
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Dart Mart 21, Ollie's 6
Men's B: Jilly's 25, Ollie's B 6
Men's C: C's 22 Cass Pub 10
Men's D: C's/Timber's Edge 12, All Lines 3
Women's B: J&J/Palms vs. Minterz Brothers, NA
Women's C: Jilly's B 9, Ryan, Smith Carbine 8
Rutland City Midget League
Shearer Honda 12, Hannafords 3
Elks 13, Rutland Fuel 7. Winning pitcher: Jake Eddy. Hitting stars: Paul Magro, Shawn Horvath and Brandon Blushy.
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Kaitlin's 11 Jilly's vs. KC's, Gio
Men's B: Midas/Mr. C's vs. Renegades, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's C: Philps & Sons vs. Magoo's, MF
Men's D: Two Sheas vs. Buccaneers, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Women's A: Jilly's vs. Two Sheas, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Women's C: CDP Electric vs. Ollie's Girls, JFC
Women's B: BRP-Jilly's vs. Renegades, NE, 6:30 p.m.

Ladies State Day

At The Country Club of Barre
A Division: Gross, Pam Gosselin, Blush Hill, 79, net, Sue Bremner, Rocky Ridge, 69
B Division: Gross, Nancy Maslin, Orleans, 90, net, Nancy Devault, West Bolton, Kathy Kowalski, Brian Hebert, 71
C Division: Gross, Rhonda Colvard, Rocky Ridge, 92, net, Donna Piquette, Champlain, and Libby Welch, Orleans, 71
D Division: Gross, Nancy Howard, Sugarbush, Cheryl Powers, West Bolton, Fish Hammond, Enosburg, 99, net, Diane Augusta, Burlington, 71
E Division: Gross, Marilyn Allen, The Country Club of Barre, 96

Rutland Recreation Softball Standings

(As Of June 7)
Men's A
Dart Mart 4-0; Farrell's Bud Light 2-2; Kelt's 11 Jilly's 2-2; Ollie's 2-2; Carey's Auto 1-3; KC's 1-3
Men's B
3D's 4-0; Magoo's 4-0; Midas/Mr. C's 3-1; Rieds 3-1; Nailers 2-1; C's 2-2; Ollie's A 1-2; Jilly's 1-2; Lindholm's 1-3; Renegades 1-3; Muckenschnabel's 0-3; Ollie's B 0-4
Men's C
3D's 4-0; Cripple Creek 4-0; Cass' Pub 2-2; C's 2-2; Feds 2-2; Jilly's 2-2; C's Commercial 1-3; Magoo's 1-3; Philps & Sons 1-3; Tyler's Team 1-3
Men's D
C's/Timber's Edge 4-0; American Legion 3-1; Buccaneers 3-1; Outsiders 3-1; Two Sheas 2-1; VAC 2-1; Pizza Delight 2-2; All Lines 0-4; Ranch Sluggers 0-4; Shuckers 0-4
Women's A
Jilly's 4-0; Two Sheas 3-1; Vipors 3-1; C's 1-3; Tapas 1-3; Wayne's 0-4
Women's B
Smith Buick 4-0; Cotrup's 3-1; J&J/Palms 3-1; Renegades 2-1; Julie Sam's 2-2; Minterz Brothers 1-3; BRP/Jilly's 0-3; Parker's 0-4
Women's C
Ollie's Girls 4-0; Jilly's B 3-1; Ryan, Smith & Carbine 3-1; CDP Electric 2-2; Courcelle's 0-4; Jilly's A 0-4



Staff photos by Tom Haley

Runners toe the starting line in Proctor for the Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race on Sunday. This was the first year that the 6.2-mile race from Proctor to Rutland had a wheelchair division. Wilder's Souley Marzouk, bottom photo, gets rolling after the starting command.

Tetreault, Bates Win At Crowley

By TOM HALEY
Herald Staff

There was no stopping Salisbury's Tony Bates this time. The last time he entered the Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race, he finished second to Dorset's Matt Cull. This time he ran away early and was never threatened. Only two miles into the 6.2-mile race, Bates had a lead that seemed insurmountable. He finished in 33:28, well ahead of his closest pursuer, Newbury's Bill McDonnell at 35:13.

The Crowley event is a favorite of Bates, so much so that the Middlebury Union Middle School reading teacher bypassed a race in Middlebury on Saturday to compete in this Proctor-to-Rutland race on Sunday.

Rutland's Joya Tetreault, a cross country and track athlete at the University of Vermont, was the first female finisher in a clocking of 41:44.

"I was hoping to break 40:00 again," said Tetreault, who won this event one other year with a time under the 40:00 mark.

Bates said he was not familiar with McDonnell and was concerned that he went out so fast.

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Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Crowley

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"He started out fast. You never know who it is and you don't want to get zapped," said Bates, undoubtedly thinking back to his duel with Cull a few years ago.

Rutland's T.J. Sabotka, an all-conference defensive back in football at Siena College a few years ago, finished third overall in a time of 37:19.

Sabotka had a 43rd place finish in the Covered Bridges Half Marathon recently and will be going to Marlboro, Mass. at the end of this month to compete in the New England Duathlon Championships, a race with a run-bike-run format.

"I've decided to try every kind of race. This is my third 10-K. I'm trying to find my race," said Sabotka.

Sabotka called the Proctor-to-Rutland layout "deceiving," noting the length of some of the hills, particularly the two loops off Route 3.

Tetreault, who won her first college varsity race this spring (a 3000), was well ahead of the next female finisher, Rutland's Margaret Zucotti in 44:58.

The Crowley had a wheelchair division for the first time and spectators got a look at one of Vermont's premier athletes in Souley Marzouk. He was the only wheelchair competitor to do the same 10-K course the runners did and he clocked 27:11, a 4:23 mile pace.

Marzouk has won the Vermont City Marathon the past five years and is also a member of the NCAA Division I national champion wheelchair basketball team at the University of Illinois.

Four other wheelchair competitors raced over a 5-K course. Tom Matuszewski of Manchester, N.H. was first to cross the line in 18:26 and Harrylyn Beehner was the first female in 25:04.

Notes: Rutland Recreation Director Leif Dahlin was happy with the turnout, calling it "a big improvement" over past years. The field was 76 runners and the five wheelchair athletes ... Conspicuous by his absence was Proctor's Mike Canty, the man who has run in more of the 22 Crowley races than anyone ... Joel Tetreault, Joya's older brother, just graduated from Harvard where he competed in cross country and track. He was unable to run on this day because he is just coming back from an injury ... Rutland's Nathan Bellomo, one of three Bellomo brothers selected to play in the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl football game, finished 29th. He has recently taken a job in Hartford, Conn. ... Youngest finishers were two 15-year-olds, Brandon's Keaton Dahlin and Rutland's Elizabeth Lathey. The youngest wheelchair competitor was Matuszewski at 14 ... Bates will be competing in the race up Mount Washington this weekend ... The husband-wife team of Tom and Michelle Opsahl finished with the same time of 53:20 ... The elder statesman of the event was Chittenden's 76-year-old Hugh Short who finished 62nd in 54:55 ... The course was a certified 10-K this year.

White Pool Opens For the Summer

Weather permitting, White Pool, located at the end of Avenue B, will open Saturday, June 13, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Weekdays there will be an adult lap time from noon to 1 p.m. and open swim time from 1 to 8 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays the pool will be open from 1 to 6 p.m.

Starting June 22, lessons will be held each morning. Daily admission for resident youths age 18 and under will be \$1 and for adults \$1.50. Non-resident price is \$2 for all.

Summer passes are also available at the Dana Recreation Center or at the pool when it opens.

Rutland Recreation and Parks Department

is offering numerous Sport Camps throughout the summer

Camps Being Offered For Boys and Girls are Soccer, Basketball, Flag Football, Tennis, Baseball, Plus Day Camps

For Information Call:
773-1822

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Thursday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's C: Feds 23, Cripple Creek 3
Men's C: CJs/Commercial Tire 14, Jilly's 2
Women's B: Smith Buick 9, Cotrup's 8

Friday's Events

State Baseball Finals
At Centennial Field
Whitcomb vs. Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.
Black River vs. Northfield, 7:30 p.m.
State Softball Finals
At Poultry Elementary School
Proctor vs. Canaan, 4 p.m.
North Country vs. BFA-St. Albans, 7 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Red vs. 3D's, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's B: Lindholm's vs. CJs, Gio
Men's B: Nailers vs. Jilly's MF
Men's D: American Legion vs. VAC, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's A: Tapas vs. Vipers, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Women's B: Rogers vs. Uncle Sam's, JFC

Youth Leagues
Rutland City Midget League
Kearns 5, IAFF 1. Winning pitcher: Nick Louras. Hitting stars: Peter Colomb and Bradley Brasso.
Seward's Ford 21, Rutland PD 9. Hitting stars: Team effort.
Junior Babe Ruth
Poultry 8, Mill River 7. Winning pitcher: Jesse Groesbeck. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Wednesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: KC's 12, Keith's 11/Jilly's 9
Men's C: Maggo's 17, Phillips & Son 7
Men's D: Two Shees 21, Buccaneers 14
Women's B: Renegades 15, BRP/Jilly's 12
Women's C: COP Electric 9, Ole's Girls 8

Thursday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Muckenschnabels vs. Nailers, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's C: Cripple Creek vs. Feds, MF
Men's C: Jilly's vs. CJs/Commercial Tire, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's A: Wayne's vs. CJs, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Women's B: Cotrup's vs. Smith Buick, JFC
Youth Leagues
Rutland County Junior Babe Ruth
Otter Valley 12, West Rutland 10.
Winning pitcher: Scott Quenneville.
Hitting stars: Shawn Hendee.

Little League
Proctor A's 7, Brandon Bank 6. Winning pitcher: Kenny Crowingshield. Hitting stars: Crowingshield, Jeremy Roberts.
Rutland Town Rangers 9, Rutland Town Yankees 7. Winning pitcher: Mike Fredette. Hitting stars: Josh Westebbe, Brad Wilhelm.

Junior Babe Ruth
Rutland Town 16, Granville 3. Winning pitcher: Kip Stern. Hitting stars: Sam Conway, Anthony Bacon and Dan Lawrence.

ZeroGravity Skating

Rutland, Community Days provide free skating for county residents, noon to 6 p.m. at Giorgetti Pavilion.

Breakfast

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Babe Ruth
Granville 10, Brandon 1. Winning pitcher: Cory Stanton (14 strikeouts). Hitting stars: Stanton.

In-Line Skating Camp Set in June

ZeroGravity Skate Park and the Rutland Recreation Department will conduct the first five-day session of their Introduction to In-Line Skating Camp, June 22-26, at ZeroGravity Skate Park.

Children, ages 5 to 15, are encouraged to sign up at the Rutland Rec or at ZeroGravity Skate Park. Zero Gravity is located in the Giorgetti Pavilion, Preville Avenue, Rutland.

The camp hours are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. A fee of \$50 for city residents, \$57 for non-residents, allows participants to experience five different sports in five days. The Introduction to In-Line Skating Camp will hold its second session Aug. 10-14.

The week-long camp will focus on introductory skills and cross training through hockey, cross-country skiing and downhill skiing, as well as the extreme side of in-lining.

With an emphasis on basic skills, street hockey anaerobic exercise, ZeroGravity's own park equipment and games, the camp provides a fun and well-rounded introduction to this ever-growing sport.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

Friday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's D League: All Lines 14, Ranch Stuggers 11
Women's A: CJs 15, Tapas 14
Women's B: Uncle Sam's 16, Smith Buick 12

Children's Summer Meals Program

Rutland Public Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children.

Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, the program is designed to ensure that children who rely on free or reduced price meals during the school year continue to have adequate nutrition throughout the summer.

Breakfast and lunch are available, at no charge to all children 18 years or younger at the following locations:

Rutland Intermediate School: breakfast 8:15 to 8:30 a.m.; lunch 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Northwest School: breakfast 9 to 9:15 a.m.; lunch noon to 12:20 p.m.

Recreation Department (Dana School, breakfast only and lunch if

Fishing Derby

The Rutland Kiwanis Club and the Rutland Recreation Department will sponsor their annual fishing derby at Combination Pond on Saturday, June 27 from 9 a.m.-noon. The derby is for children up to age 13. A parent must accompany children. The registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The Kiwanis Club will provide a buffet lunch and prizes in various categories.

Adult Swimming

The Rutland Recreation Department's "Adult Lap" swim hours at White's Pool have been extended. In addition to the daily noon-1 p.m. time, the pool will also be open from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The pool will still be open to the public during this time. Depending on demand, a lane or two will be set aside for lap swimmers. For more information, call the pool at 773-2018.

inclement weather): 9 to 9:15 a.m.; noon to 12:20 p.m. (inclement weather only).

White Park (pool): lunch only, noon to 12:20 p.m. (inclement weather at Danamore).

Forest Park Community Center: breakfast 8:30 to 11:50 a.m.; lunch 11:30 to 11:50 a.m.

Meals will be available Monday through Friday, June 22 through Aug. 4. No meal service will be available July 3.

For additional information, please contact Marilyn Edwards at 773-1905.

Adult Lap Swim Hours at White's

The Adult Lap swim hours at White's Pool have been extended. In addition to the daily noon to 1 p.m. lap swim hours, the pool will also be open for lap swim from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

The pool will still be open to the public during this time. Depending on demand, a lane or two will be set aside for lap swimmers. For more information, call 773-2018.

Monday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Dart Mart 11, KC's 3
Men's B: Muckenschnabel's 22, Midas/Mr. Cs. 8
Men's C: 3D's 8, Jilly's 3
Men's D: Two Sheas 14, Ranch Sluggers 1
Women's B: J&J/Palms 7, Parker's 7
Women's C: Olie's Girls 13, Ryan, Smith & Carbine 7
Men's C: Fed 9, Phillips & Sons 4

Tuesday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Carey's vs. Keith's 11/Jilly's, JFC
Men's B: Mago's vs. Nailers, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Phillips & Sons vs. C's/Commercial Tire, MF
Men's D: American Legion vs. Buccaneers, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Women's B: Minter's vs. BRP/Jilly's, Gio
Women's C: Jilly's A vs. COP Electric, MN
Women's A: Wayne's Body Shop vs. Two Sheas, MS, 8:30 p.m.

Rutland Fishing Derby

On Saturday, June 27, the Rutland City Kiwanis Club and the Rutland Recreation Department will host the Annual Fishing Derby at Combination Pond - turn off Stratton Road onto Hill Pond Road. The derby is for children up to age 13.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The derby runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

A free lunch buffet will be provided by the Kiwanis Club, along with prizes in various categories.

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League
Rutland Fuel 7, Eagles 3. Winning pitcher: Ricky Fredette. Hitting stars: Kenny Duxbury, Vic Shappy and John Clott.
Rutland County Senior Babe Ruth
West Rutland 9, Poutney 3. Winning pitcher: Bryan Gudelis. Hitting stars: Jesse Loomis and Dan Ritter.
Rutland VFW 8, Manchester 3. Winning pitcher: Chris Graves. Hitting stars: Ryan Campbell and Doug Barnes.
Mill River 6, Rutland Town 5. Winning pitcher: Verne Giotti. Hitting stars: Chris Williams with the game-winning hit.

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's D: American Legion 7, Pizza Delight 0
Men's A: Vipers 15, Jilly's 1
Men's B: Renegades 11, Cutups 10
Men's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine 14, COP Backs 3

Wednesday's Events

Baseball Championships Division III
At Centennial Field
Black River vs. Northfield, 1:30 p.m.
American Legion Baseball
Waterbury at Addison County, 6 p.m.
Barre at Montpelier, 6 p.m.
Windsor at Bellows Falls, 6 p.m.
Hartford at Chester, 6 p.m.
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Carey's vs. Olie's, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's B: Lindholm vs. Renegades, JFC
Men's C: Otter Creek vs. C's/Commercial Tire, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's D: Outsiders vs. Buccaneers, Gio
Men's D: American Legion vs. VAC, MN
Women's A: CJA vs. Tapah, MF
Women's B: BRP/Jilly's vs. J&J/Palms, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Jilly's A vs. Jilly's B, NE

Rutland Adult Softball
All games postponed

Thursday's Events

Softball Championships Division III at Randolph
Northfield vs. Thetford, 3 p.m.
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Muckenschnabel's vs. Olie's, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's C: Mago's vs. Tyler's Team, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Men's D: VAC vs. Shucker's, Gio
Women's A: Tapah's vs. Vipers, MN
Women's B: Minter's vs. Parker's, MS, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

(Tuesday Night)
Edson Raiders 8, Kiwanis 7. Winning pitcher: Shawn McGraw. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Junior Babe Ruth
Rutland Post 31 18, Manchester 13. Winning pitcher: Jesse Lawrence. Hitting stars: Team effort.
Mill River 21, Rutland Expos 10. Hitting stars: Zach Wood, Cassidy Tirabochi, Zac Furman.

Midget Showcase

The Rutland Midget League Senior Showcase will be held on June 21. This tournament is to raise money for the young players so that they will be able to play baseball in the future.

The tourney will be an all-day affair at White's Field, located off Jackson Avenue in Rutland. The tourney is for the players in their final year of eligibility in Midget League and who will be moving on to the Junior Babe Ruth programs.

There is no admission but refreshments will be available and raffles held with the proceeds going directly to youth league baseball.

Monday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: KC's vs. Dart Mart, JFC
Men's B: Muckenschnabel's vs. Midas/Mr. Cs, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Jilly's vs. 3D's, MF
Men's D: Two Sheas's vs. Ranch Sluggers, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Women's B: J&J/Palms vs. Parker's, Gio
Women's C: Olie's Girls vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, NE

Youth Leagues

Youth Leagues
Senior Babe Ruth
Mill River 14, Rutland Expos 1. Winning pitcher: Bob Maniery. Hitting stars: Donald Black.
Poutney 5, Rutland Town 3. Winning pitcher: Jay Williams. Hitting stars: Team

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Goodrich Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Senior Citizens

The Rutland Council of Senior Citizens will hold its next regular meeting Tuesday, June 23, at 1:30 p.m. Entertainment and social will take place after the meeting.

Rec Budget Adds Equipment

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

A couple of items in this year's proposed Rutland City recreation budget may help keep the number of rained-out games down next summer.

The city's Recreation Committee Wednesday night accepted the budget that calls for spending \$6,000 on a backhoe bucket and \$6,000 on a device to put seeds in the ground.

Both pieces of equipment will attach to the department's tractor, Bill Reardon, a city recreation employee, told the committee.

"This gives the tractor two more uses," he said.

The backhoe, Reardon said, will be used for several department tasks, including working to improve the drainage of the city's ball fields.

"Drainage is a big problem, especially with the rains we've been having lately," he said.

"Eventually I'd liked to start trenching all the fields for the proper drainage, so the water has somewhere to go so we don't have all the cancella-

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tions. Right now we're backed up pretty bad."

The seeding device is expected to help keep the fields in top shape.

"They're starting to take a pound-

ing," Reardon said.
The total proposed recreation budget for next year is \$1,002,003, about 3.2 percent more than last year. It still needs the approval of the Board of Aldermen.

Most of the additional money is needed to fund pay increases for two positions, a mechanic and an office secretary, to bring their pay in line with comparable union positions in the city, said Leif Dahlin, city parks and recreation superintendent.

The budget does not include any funds for a proposed bike path.

Alderman Christopher Louras, committee chairman, said that project is still at least another year away.

"It's still in the design and engineering state," he said. "And we don't have any final cost yet from the state. Only estimates."

The city is still debating whether to take over the management of the bike path project, Louras said.

In 1994, the city received a \$750,

000 federal grant to build a 1.2-mile bike path from the College of St. Joseph to State Street. The federal grant for the project calls for the city to provide 10 percent in matching funds.

The local share can include "in-kind" services, such as time spent by city workers on the project.

The cost of the project has since risen to an estimated \$1.2 million and some city officials question whether it should be built. Others still support the project, saying that it will only cost the city 10 cents per dollar to construct and once complete will add to the "quality of life" in the city.

Another item in the recreation budget that drew a question Wednesday night called for spending \$500 for a "power pruner."

The device is expected to be used to trim trees in city parks, recreation officials said. However, some members of the committee thought that was the job of the city's forester.

In the end, Dahlin agreed his department would be more than willing to share the device.

"That's not a problem," he said. "I still think the purchase of the power pruner is prudent."

Soccer Camp

The Rutland Recreation Department will offer a soccer camp for boys and girls Monday through Friday, July 13-17, with separate sessions for players aged 7-10 and 11-14.

The camp will be under the direction of Rich Alberti, with the assistance of Mike Kinsler.

The sessions will take place from 9 a.m.-noon each day at Rutland High School's Alumni Field. Individual techniques and group instruction will be offered, plus six-on-six games and full-side matches. The fee is \$53 for residents and \$60 for non-residents, with an optional \$10 lab fee.

Registration is taking place at the Dana Recreation Center from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

7-Sunset Concerts Start Wednesday

The Rutland Recreation Department will start off their summer "Seven to Sunset" concerts in Main Street Park on Wednesday, June 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. with Kilimanjaro. The concert is free and open to the public.

This band has received awards for "Most Innovative Album of the Year" and "Best Jazz Album of the Year." They have also received international recognition through appearances at Switzerland's Montreux, Denmark's Roskilde, the Pontchartrain Jazz Festival in Detroit and the Kool Jazz Festival in New York.

Bathrooms will be available at the Evergreen Center, 7 Court Square.

The Summer Concert Series will provide a variety of folk and jazz performances throughout the summer. The outdoor concerts will be held at Main Street Park and Depot Park.

The Main Street Park Concerts (Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.) include: **June 24**, Kilimanjaro; **July 1**, The Catamount Brass Quintet; **July 8**, Stockwell Brothers; **July 15**, Quintessential Brass; **July 22**, Unknown Blues Band; **July 29**, Three Way Street; **Aug. 5**, Marble City Swing Band; **Aug. 12**, Vermont Jazz Ensemble.

The Depot Park Concerts (Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.) include: **July 8**, Wayne Canney; **July 15**, Downtown Brass Company; **July 22**,

The Denny's; **July 29**, Woodchuck's Revenge; **Aug. 5**, Catamount Brass; **Aug. 12**, Rick Redington; **Aug. 19**, Mike Kelley; **Aug. 26**, Mike Sullivan Quartet; **Sept. 2**, James Mee.

The series is sponsored by the Rutland Recreation Department.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Poultney 8, West Rutland 1—Winning pitcher: Max Sallis. Hitting: team effort.
Rutland Post 31 12, Poultney 5. Winning pitcher: Ryan Lawrence. Hitting star: team effort.

Rutland County Sr. League
Rutland VFW 18, Mill River 1.
Brandon 10, Ludlow 8. Winning pitcher: Scott Quineville. Hitting star: Tyler Dahlin and Joe Decker.
Rutland VFW 18, Mill River 1. Winning pitcher: Scott Drew. Hitting stars: team effort.

Rutland Midget League
Edson Raiders 7, IAFF 0. Winning pitcher: Winnie Doanier. Hitting star: team effort.

Tree, Tree Again



Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

Christmas tree number three was placed in Depot Park earlier this week. Both predecessors failed to take root in the park, and just two weeks ago last year's Christmas tree, which recently died, was removed by Practico's Landscaping of Rutland. The new tree, put in place Monday by Practico's with help from the city, is not expected to cost the city any money, since its one-year guarantee had not yet expired.

Free Admission At Zero Gravity

Zero Gravity Skate Park will host a series of Community Days beginning Sunday, June 21, offering free admission to all county residents from noon until 6 p.m.

There is one Community Day planned for each month, ending in October. The program is supported by Zero Gravity and the Rutland Recreation Department, as well as local businesses.

Farmers Market

Rutland, Market in downtown Depot Park with seasonal produce, flowers, crafts, maple syrup, homemade foods, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Friday's Results

New York-Penn Baseball
New Jersey at Vermont Expos, p.p.d., rain
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Ollie's 8 22, Reds 18
Men's D: Outsiders 15, Buccaneers 13
Women's B: J&J/Palm's 7, BRP/Jilly's 0

Thursday's Results

Men's B: Ollie's A 5, 3D's 3
Men's B: C.J's 14, Renegades 2
Men's C: C.J's 11, Tyler's 10
Men's D: All Lines 14, Shucker's 2
Women's A: Jilly's 13, C.J's 1
Women's B: Cotrupis 9, Uncle Sam's 7

Saturday's Events

North-South Softball
At Poultney Elementary School
Play begins at noon
American Legion Baseball
Bennington at Chester, 1 p.m.
Montpelier at South Royalton, 1 p.m.
New York-Penn Baseball
New Jersey at Vermont, two 7-inning games, 6 p.m.

Sunday's Events

American Legion Baseball
Fair Haven at Addison, 2, 1 p.m.
Montpelier at Rutland, 2, 1 p.m.
Waterbury at South Royalton, 2, 1 p.m.
Youth Leagues
Senior Babe Ruth
Poultney 8, Brandon-Pittsford 4. Winning pitcher: Jesse Willard. Hitting stars: Jesse Willard.
Junior Babe Ruth
Mill River 18, Rutland Town 2. Winning pitcher: Aaron Lawrence. Hitting stars: Team effort.
Mill River 13, Arlington, 4. Winning pitcher: Bob Maciery. Hitting stars: Team effort.
Women's Golf
Vermont scorers in the Tri-State matches, which Vermont won over runner-up Maine, 102-87. New Hampshire was tied at the Sugarloaf (Carrabassett, Vermont) Club with 71 points.

Thursday Results

American Legion Baseball
Chester at Hartford
Bellows Falls at Brattleboro
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Ollie's vs. 3D's
Men's B: Renegades vs. C.J's
Men's C: C.J's vs. Tyler's Team
Men's D: All Lines vs. Shucker's Oyster Bar
Women's A: C.J's vs. Jilly's, MN
Women's B: Uncle Sam's Pub vs. Cotrupis Builders

Friday's Events

High School Softball
Vermont Classic at Poultney, 7 p.m.
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Reds vs. Ollie's B, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Magoo's vs. Feds, MF, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: VAC vs. Pizza Delight, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Women's A: Wayne's Auto Body vs. Tapa's, MN, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League
Knights of Columbus 9, Moose 8—Winning pitcher: Kyle Massie. Hitting star: Massie.
Rutland County Sr. League
Rutland VFW 7, Rutland Town 5. Winning pitcher: Scott Drew. Hitting stars: Ryan Campbell and Pat Hackett.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Farmers Market

Rutland, Variety of fresh vegetables, fruits, plants, flowers, baked goods, jams, maple syrup, Depot Park, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Farmers Market

Rutland, Market in downtown Depot Park with seasonal produce, flowers, crafts, maple syrup, homemade foods, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Water Ballet



From dual diving boards, swimmers leap from a muggy summer day into the cool waters of White Pool in Rutland on Monday.

Staff Photo by Vyto Starinakis

Fishing Derby Is Set for Saturday

The Rutland City Kiwanis Club and the Rutland Recreation Department will host the Annual Fishing Derby at Combination Pond on Saturday, June 27, for children up to age 13.

A parent or guardian must accompany the child. The derby runs from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

A free lunch buffet will be provided by the Kiwanis Club, along with prizes in various categories.

In Line Skate Clinic

Rutland, Free in line skate clinic for all levels from complete beginner to advanced free style. all equipment included, 8:45-10 a.m., The Great Outdoors, 219 Woodstock Ave., 775-9989, every Saturday.

Gospel Concert

Rutland, New York's Solid Rock Singers and Paul Gibbs, Main Street Park, 7 p.m.

Fishing Derby

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Rutland Softball Results

- Men's C: Cass's Pub Pounders 15, Cripple Creek 3
- Women's A: Vipers 13, Two Sheas 1
- Women's B: Renegades 14, Smith Bulk 13
- Women's C: Jilly's B 10, Courcelle's
- Flower Shop 5

Thursday Events

- American Legion Baseball
- Chester at Hartford
- Bellevue Falls at Brattleboro
- Rutland Adult Softball
- Men's B: Olie's vs. 30's, MS, 6:30 p.m.
- Men's B: Renegades vs. C.J.'s, F.C. 8:30 p.m.
- Men's C: C.J.'s vs. Tyler's Team, MF, 8:30 p.m.
- Men's D: All Lines vs. Shucker's Oyster Bar, MS, 7:45 p.m.
- Women's A: C.J.'s vs. Jilly's, MF, 6:30 p.m.
- Women's B: Uncle Sam's Pub vs. Corrupt's Builders, Gio, 9:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

- Midget League
- Rutland Eagles 7, Elks 0. Winning pitcher: Brian Firlit. Hitting star: Billy Wright, Scott Hanigan, Sowards Ford
- 10, First Vt. Bank 6. Pitching and hitting: team effort.
- Junior Babe Ruth
- Poutney 12, Rutland 3. Winning pitcher: Jesse Butler. Hitting star: team effort

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge 6/24
Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075. novice game, new players welcome.

Band Concert

Rutland, Killmanjaro performs at the Main Street Park band concert, 7-9 p.m., sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department.

Concert

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Farmers Market

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Legion Baseball

Men's A: Carey's 8, Keith's 11/Jully's 3
Men's B: Magoo's 9, Nailers 7
Men's C: CJ's-Commercial Tire 12, Phillips & Sons 7
Men's D: Bucaners 14, American Legion 13
Women's B: Minterz Brothers 14, BRP/Jully's 10
Women's B: Jully's A's, CDP Electronic 7

Wednesday's Events

American Legion Baseball
Addison County at Rutland
South Royallton at Barre
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Farrell's Bud Light vs. Olie's, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Lindholm's Sports vs. Jully's, MS, 8:30 p.m.
Men's C: Cripple Creek vs. Cass's Pub Pounders, MF, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: Outsiders vs. CJ's/Timbers Edge, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Women's A: Two Sheas vs. Vipers, MN, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Renegades vs. Smith Buick, Glo, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Courcelle's Power Shop vs. Jully's B, NE, 8:30 p.m.
Men's D: American Legion vs. VAC, MS, 8:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Rutland Expos 10, West Rutland 2 —
Winning pitcher: Ken Labate.
Rutland County Senior League
VFW 4, Roulney 2. Winning pitcher: Chris Graves, save Scott Drew. Hitting stars: team effort.
Rutland Town 10, West Rutland 3 —
Winning pitcher: Tony DeAngelis. Hitting star: Greg Wallert and Sam Fucile.
Mill River 4, Otter Valley 1. Winning pitcher: Chris Williams. Hitting stars: Team effort.
Rutland City Midget League
Rutland Fuel 20, Moose 4 —
Winning pitcher: Ricky Fredette. Hitting stars: Rick Dazzi, John Clotti and Curt Shappy.
Central Vermont Girls Softball Association
Rutland Rebels 23, Otter Valley 5. Winning pitcher: Danielle Handee.
Hitting stars: Kirstin Wing, Amanda Gaudette and Hendes.

Monday's Results

Legion Baseball
Bennington at Bellows Falls
Windsor at Chester
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: KC's Tavern 20, Carey's Auto 1
Men's B: CJ's 16, Jully's 4
Men's C: Feds 7, Tyler's Team 6
Men's D: Pizza Delight 17, Shuckers Oyster Bar 2
Women's A: Vipers 13, Wayne's Body Shop 1
Women's B: Cotrupi Builders 10, Minterz Bros. 7
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine, 10, Courcelle's Flower Shop, 9 inns.

Tuesday's Events

Legion Baseball
Bellows Falls at Hartford
Chester at Brattleboro
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Dart Mini Mart vs. Farrell's Bud Light, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Muckenschnabels vs. Renegades, Glo, 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Cripple Creek vs. 3 D's, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: Outsiders vs. Ranch Sluggers, MF, 6:30 p.m.
Women's A: CJ's vs. two Sheas, MS, 7:45 p.m.
Women's B: Renegades vs. Parker's Classic Auto, MN, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Jully's A vs. Olie's Girls, NE, 8:30 p.m.
Men's B: Magoo's vs. 3D's, MS, 8:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland City Midget League
Eagles Club 6 K of C 5. Winning pitcher: Robert Turner. Hitting stars: Andrew Barber, Kyle Tricell.
Proctor Youth League
Proctor As 10, Brandon Rotary 5. Winning pitcher: Matt Parker. Hitting stars: Parker, Michael Brough.
Town and Country Little League
Rutland Town Yankees 11, Barstow Red Sox 10. Winning pitcher: Bryan Gee. Hitting stars: Dustin Kleefsch, Brandon Schultz.
Rutland County Jr. League
Rutland Expos 8, Rutland Town 7 —
Winning pitcher: Ken Labate. Hitting star: Kyle Bedard.

Bus Trip Planned To Country USA

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Godnick Adult Center is sponsoring a bus trip to Yoken's in Portsmouth, N.H., Wednesday, July 22, to see Country USA.

Registration is now ongoing at the Godnick Adult Center. The cost is \$50 per person and includes transportation, lunch and the show, Country USA.

This six-person ensemble from Nashville, Tenn., offers a fast-paced revue of songs and dance featuring country music's all-time favorites. The Vermont Transit bus will leave the Godnick Center at 7:30 a.m. and will return to the center at approximately 8 p.m.

For more information please call the Godnick Center at 773-1853.

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Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Catamount Brass Performing July 1

As part of the Rutland Recreation Department's "Seven to Sunset" series, the Catamount Brass Quintet will appear in Main Street Park, Wednesday, July 1, beginning at 7 p.m.

The concert is free and open to the public. Bathrooms will be available at the Evergreen Center, 7 Court Square.

Band Concert

Rutland, The Catamount Brass Quintet performs at the Main Street Park band concert, 7-9 p.m., sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department.

Fishin' in the Rain



Zak Johnson, right, is well protected Saturday morning at the fishing derby at Combination Pond in Rutland. Sarah Michelle Porch, left, sits on the knee of Helena Nicklaw, her aunt, while trying her luck at the derby. The event was co-sponsored by the Rutland Recreation Department and the Rutland City Kiwanis Club.

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